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SALVAGE MINDED

COUNTY DRIVE ENDS

From attics and cellars and sheds and out-of-the-way corners the people of Thanet, during the past fortnight, turned out quantities of paper, books and other materials which will make a substantial contribution to the war effort.

The county salvage drive, which ended on Saturday, succeeded in making people really salvage conscious and its effect should be felt for a long time to come.

At Broadstairs 8 tons 14 cwts. of paper and 12 tons 1 qr. 7 lbs. of iron was salvaged. The target was 8 tons of each.

The result of the efforts in the three Thanet towns will be published in our Friday edition.

Recalling the old adage about people in glasshouses, Ramsgate Borough Engineer (Mr. R. D. Brimmell) turned out over a ton of old papers from his own offices, including time-sheets dating back to 1880.

Serve With the R.A.F.—Men from many trades and for aircrew duties are wanted immediately for service with the R.A.F. There are also immediate vacancies for cooks, balloon operators and M.T. drivers in the W.A.A.F. Full details can be obtained from Clarendon House, Ramsgate, on Tuesday, 11th August, between 11.30 a.m. and 3 p.m.

WAR-TIME BANK HOLIDAY

GAIETY WITHOUT VISITORS

For the second Bank Holiday since the war the people of Thanet spent the week-end enjoying themselves instead of catering for the enjoyment of others.

With visitors still prohibited from entering the area, the holiday was a quiet one. A number of children were back from the reception area and in many cases wives came back to spend a few days with their husbands and vice versa.

Bowling greens and tennis courts at Ramsgate, Margate and Broadstairs attracted a fair number of players on Monday, and special Bank Holiday fetes were staged at both Ramsgate and Margate.

Particularly successful were the dances held at the West Cliff Theatre, Ramsgate, on Saturday and Monday, when music was supplied by Fred Hargraves and his band.

CHATHAM HOUSE FETE

RECORD SHOW AT RAMSGATE

The big event of the holiday at Ramsgate was the fete and sports held on Monday at Chatham House on behalf of the Mayor's Services Comforts Fund.

The event was an outstanding success from every point of view. It attracted the biggest out-door crowd which has assembled at Ramsgate since the war, the athletic events were of a particularly high standard, and the big range of side-shows and other entertainments created a real holiday spirit.

Owing to circumstances beyond the control of the organisers the opening ceremony, performed by the Mayoress (Mrs. A. B. C. Kempe) had to be postponed for half an hour. By this time people were flocking to the ground and at one time there was an extensive queue, including many prams, in Chatham-street.

Judging by the number of children who competed in the various events there must have been a big exodus from Stafford.

Events for the military and the Air Training Corps produced some very fine racing, characterised by keen finishes.

One of the finest performances of the afternoon was that of L/Cpl. Britton, winner of the mile. Britton took the lead from the start and set the pace throughout. Coming to the fifth and final circuit he had a lead of about 20 yards from L/Cpl. Gray. He put on a magnificent sprint towards the end and increased his lead to about 80 yards and was so fresh at the finish that he jumped the tape instead of breasting it.

Came Again.

Another fine effort was that of Cpl. McDonald, winner of the half-mile. Twenty yards from the tape McDonald was overtaken by L/Cpl. McNicolas, but McDonald came again in magnificent style to win by a few inches.

Cadet Davis, A.T.C., ran well to finish first in the 100 yards and second in the 220 yards events, and Cpl. Jarvis put up a good show in winning the mile.

In the tug-of-war, always a popular event, the Royal Marines carried all before them. In the final the Marines defeated the Royal Artillery. In the preliminaries the Marines beat the Field Ambulance and the Royal Artillery beat Ramsgate Police.

The expeditious way in which the races were carried through was largely due to the A.T.C. officers and instructors, with Mr. Harold Jennings giving a running commentary on the microphone.

While the races were being run a baby show was being held on the lower ground. The Mayor (Alderman A. B. C. Kempe), who was responsible for the fete, was master of ceremonies and there seemed to be babies by the hundred. Judging was carried out by Lady Carson and Councillor Mrs. F. L. Dunn.

There was a fine display of agricultural and garden produce, and reminiscent of pre-war August Bank Holidays were donkey rides and Cinderella's coach.

The day was rounded off with a performance in front of the pavilion by the Troopers Concert Party.

The sports results were:

Children's Events.

60 yards, girls under 9—1, S. Gower; 2, P. Darby; 3, S. Moyes.

80 yards, boys under 9—1, J. Johnson; 2, P. Dunwell; 3, R. Willis. Girls under 12—1, B. Rippin; 2, K. Jesard; 3, I. Lowe.

100 yards, boys under 12—1, R. Hudson; 2, M. Buckley; 3, E. Hall. Boys over 12—1, K. Castle, 2, G. Fassam; 3, D. Evans. Girls over 12—1, V. Wise; 2, B. Brown; 3, J. Sawtell.

50 yards, boys and girls under 7—1, V. Overton; 2, D. West; 3, R. Garwood.

Boys and girls under 12, handicap—1, J. Stringer; 2, J. Tilbrook; 3, A. Shaw.

Open race, ladies—1, Mrs. Pugh; 2, Mrs. Pope; 3, Mrs. Overton. Men—1, Mr. Pinder; 2, Mr. Shepherd; 3, Mr. Adams.

A.T.C. Events.

100 yards—1, Cadet Davis; 2, F/Sgt. Lawrence; 3, Cpl. Walker.

880 yards—1, Cadet Cook; 2, Cadet Brenchley; 3, Cadet Coleman.

440 yards—1, Cpl. Walker; 2, Cpl. Richardson; 3, Sgt. Morris.

220 yards—1, F/Sgt. Lawrence; 2, Cadet Davis; 3, Cadet Mellor.

One mile—1, Cpl. Jarvis; 2, Cadet Jordon; 3, Sgt. Terry.

One mile relay—1, A Flight (Margate); 2, C Flight (Ramsgate).

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ALL THE FUN OF THE FAIR

CHILDREN'S SPORTS AT MARGATE

There was a big attendance at Dane Park, Margate, on Monday, for the fete and children's sports organised by the local Savings Committee.

The fete was held with a three-fold purpose—to provide relaxation for residents, officially to launch the "Tanks for Attack" savings campaign, and to raise money for Margate Prisoners of War Fund.

The fete was opened by the Mayor (Alderman G. P. Hoare), who stressed the need for more saving and self-sacrifice on the part of the residents.

The Mayor was supported by Mr. Ernest Jackling, assistant commissioner for national savings in the south-eastern region, who congratulated the people of Margate on the wonderful manner in which they had subscribed to the national savings campaign. Views on national savings expressed by several prominent men, including Sir Stafford Cripps, Adml. Sir Edward Evans and Lord Halifax, were heard on gramophone records, together with some humorous recordings by well-known artistes.

Prizes for the sports took the form of savings stamps.

Results:

50 yards, girls—1, M. Rowcliffe; 2, S. Hills; 3, M. Silman. Boys—1, E. Wratten; 2, A. Mathews; 3, G. Rogers.

Egg and spoon race girls—1, M. Brown; 2, S. Bulmer; 3, P. Cock.

Three-legged race, boys—1, P. Chapman and J. Watson; 2, A. Godden and R. Gurney; 3, K. Philpott and J. Wright.

Skipping race, girls—1, J. Verlander; 2, J. Jezzard; 3, B. Laxton.

Sack race, boys—1, F. Cox; 2, G. Smith; 3, W. Bushell.

100 yards, girls—1, J. Holden; 2, M. Johncock; 3, A. Jarman. Boys—1, D. Chapman; 2, P. Owen; 3, J. Walters.

Four teams entered for the police inter-relief relay race, the winners being P/Cs L. Belmore, G. Cook, E. Webber and R. Tyler.

Prizes of 5s. were awarded to the following babies under three whose birthdays fell on certain dates chosen by the Mayor—Graham Dennis, Roger Sackett, David Court, Thelma Beard, Peter Cotes, Derek Page, Brian Hay, John Nye, Alan and Mavis Cowell (twins), Veronica Turner, Amy Clewley and Anne Rootes.

There were cinema shows arranged by the Librarian (Mr. G. E. Clarke), an open-air whist drive and a demonstration by the N.F.S. Other sports items included boxing, tumbling and blind boxing by troops stationed in the district.

In addition, there was all the fun of the fair, with a children's roundabout and donkey rides.

The evening programme included an open-air concert arranged by Mr. R. F. Walbourn, followed by dancing on the lawn.

HEADMASTER "AT HOME"

The headmaster of Chatham House School, Ramsgate (Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury), will be at Chatham House on Wednesday, 12th August, between 2.30 and 6.30 p.m. to interview parents who wish to see him.

Mr. Brackenbury will be particularly glad to meet parents of new boys who will be joining the school at Stafford in September.

Continued from previous column.

Military Events.

100 yards—1, Ldg. Acm. Smith; 2, Pte. Longbone; 3, Pte. Moxey.

880 yards—1, Cpl. McDonald; 2, Cpl. McNicolas; 3, Pte. Harrison.

One mile—1, L/Cpl. Britton; 2, L/Cpl. Gray; 3, Pte. Chant.

One mile relay—1, Field Ambulance; 2, Royal Marines; 3, R.A.F.

220 yards—1, Sgt. Hodgson; 2, Marine Lewis; 3, Ldg. Acm. Smith.

Tug-of-war—Royal Marines beat Field Ambulance; Royal Artillery beat Ramsgate Police; final—Royal Marines beat Royal Artillery.

Baby Show.

Mothers of the winning competitors in the baby show were:

Under 1 year—1, Mrs. Sherwood; 2, Mrs. Hunt; 3, Mrs. Newing; consolation, Mrs. Lee.

One-two years—1, Mrs. Perry; 2, Mrs. Bush; 3, Mrs. Major; 4, Mrs. Yorath.

Two-three years—1, Mrs. Oxted; 2, Mrs. Wratten; 3, Mrs. Piddock; 4, Mrs. Hoare.

Three-four years—1, Mrs. Todd; 2, Mrs. Coughlan; 3, Mrs. Wratten; 4, Mrs. Camp.

The committee responsible for the fete were the Mayor (chairman), the Mayoress, Mrs. P. Wilkenning, Messrs. G. Baker, N. Clarke, G. Massey, F. R. Jennings, E. G. Brenchley, G. Pook and J. Hartley, with Mrs. D. Peete as honorary secretary.

BROUGHT UP BY GYPSIES

YOUNG SOLDIER IN TROUBLE

Stated to have been employed by gypsies to take on all comers at a boxing booth, a 19-year-old soldier, Henry Cooper, appeared before the magistrates at Margate police court on Monday.

Cooper pleaded guilty to stealing 3s. 11d. from an automatic lock at the Town Hall lavatories.

P/C Curtis said that a few minutes after midnight he was in the Market-place when he saw the flicker of a light, like a match being struck, in the lavatory window. Going inside he saw defendant come from the door of the further of the two lavatories. He had been drinking but was not drunk. He asked the way to Cliftonville and witness directed him. Examining the locks of the doors, witness found that both had been broken and the doors were open. Going after defendant, he found him detained by two military policemen at the corner of New Cross-street, and told him he would be taken to the police station in consequence of the broken locks. Defendant replied "You can't do that. You didn't see me do it." After taking the man to the police station, witness returned with Inspr. Croucher to examine the locks. The lock of the further door had been burst open, but not sufficiently for the money to be taken out. On the floor were dead matches and one or two which had not been struck. The face of the lock had been forced back and inside was a used match. On the floor he found a large nail, the broken end of a bedstead bolt and a small key, while on the windowsill was the other end of the broken bolt. The lock of the first lavatory had been forced open and there were match sticks on the floor. When the lock of the second lavatory was later removed a piece of broken nail was found inside. Witness also found in the lavatories a piece of rifle cleaning rag, two pieces of wire and part of a screw. Defendant had 3s. 11d. and three keys, one being badly bent, in his possession.

When charged with the offence defendant said "I won't say anything now or speak to you to-night."

£1 Damage.

Albert Edward Setterfield, cleansing superintendent of Margate Corporation, who was called to the lavatories at 2 a.m., said he found 5s. 7d. in one lock and 5d. in the other, from which some money had been extracted. The damage caused to the lock was estimated at about £1.

Inspr. Croucher said when asked to account for possession of so many pennies, defendant said "I have been to Gravesend to see my girl and have been gambling." Witness said the pennies had lost their shine and did not appear to have been used for some time.

The Chief Constable (Mr. W. Palmer) said from the inquiries they had made in the limited time at their disposal the police had not found anything against defendant.

An officer form the man's unit said he joined the Army voluntarily in January last, when about 18½ years of age. He was a man without education, and could neither read nor write. Apparently from the age of 12 he lived with gypsies and had been brought up in a gypsy camp. The gypsies employed him to appear in a boxing booth on fair grounds to take on all comers and it was understood that he had been rather badly knocked about.

"Since he has been with me," said the officer, "he has tried very hard and the only crimes against him are absences, when he has gone off for a day or so. He is trying hard to soldier and I think we can make something of him."

The bench bound defendant over for 12 months, the Chairman (Mr. B. J. Garraway) saying they wanted to give him another chance.

The Chairman congratulated P/C Curtis on his smartness and promptitude in dealing with the case.

Salvage Fatality

ENGINEER KILLED BY GERMAN GUN

Engineer in charge of Margate refuse destructor, Mr. Albert Henry Sayer died in Margate Hospital on Monday from injuries received while dismantling an old German gun at Grenham House School, Birchington, on Wednesday.

The gun, which was captured in the last war, had been given to Margate Corporation for salvage and in order to remove it it was decided to cut it into sections.

While Mr. Sayer was carrying out this work with the aid of an acetylene lamp a spring flew out of the gun, striking Mr. Sayer on the head. Mr. Sayer was taken to hospital suffering from a severe head injury and a burn on the arm.

An inquest is being held.

SITUATIONS VACANT

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Broadstairs Divorce

WIFE'S ALLEGED ADMISSION

In the Divorce Court on Thursday, before Mr. Justice Henn Collins, Norman Cyril Pile, serving with the R.A.F., with a home address in Tudor-road, Canterbury, petitioned for a decree nisi against his wife, Phyllis Joan, on the grounds of her adultery with the co-respondent, Luis Gurka, said to be a refugee. The suit was undefended.

The marriage was in 1937 and they lived at Canterbury. Petitioner alleged that his wife had a violent temper and that she stayed with him about two months after the marriage and then went to her home at Broadstairs. After six weeks she came back and he alleged that she began nagging at him and there were quarrels. He did his best to make the marriage a success. When she threatened to leave him again he told her if she went she had no need to come back. She went away and he now alleged that when visited by an enquiry agent at an address in Grosvenor-road, Broadstairs, she made an admission, signing a statement as to the paternity of a child she had.

Petitioner was granted a decree nisi. He did not ask for costs.

EMPLOYMENT EXCHANGE PIONEER

MR. A. HORSEY'S NEW POST

Manager of Ramsgate Employment Exchange since 1933, Mr. Albert Horsey, of Carlton-avenue, Broadstairs, has left the district on his promotion to the position of manager of the important Westminster Employment Exchange.

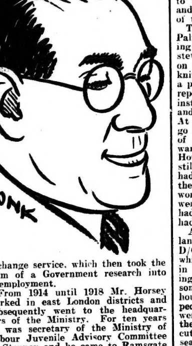
A number of organisations in Thanet will miss Mr. Horsey, among them being Ramsgate Council of Social Service and Broadstairs Toc H.

Mr. Horsey's work in the district was acknowledged in 1940 when he was appointed a Justice of the Peace for the Ramsgate division of the county.

Mr. Horsey was "in at the start" of the employment exchange movement.

As a young man in a solicitor's office he was a keen student of sociology. He attended a lecture given by the eminent economist, Sir William Beveridge, and he knew from that moment where his future lay.

It was on 6th October, 1906, that Mr. Horsey entered the employment



exchange service, which then took the form of a Government research into unemployment.

From 1914 until 1918 Mr. Horsey worked in east London districts and subsequently went to the headquarters of the Ministry. For ten years he was secretary of the Ministry of Labour Juvenile Advisory Committee at Stepney and he came to Ramsgate in 1933.

Mrs. Horsey was one of the founders of the Broadstairs branch of the Co-operative Women's Guild and since the war meetings of the Guild had been held at her house.

Train Machine-Gunned

RAMSGATE GUARD'S BROADCAST

A guard attached to Ramsgate Southern Railway station, Mr. F. J. Sharp, who was in a train machine-gunned by an enemy fighter, has described his experience to B.B.C. overseas listeners.

With a number of other railwaymen who have had similar experiences, Mr. Sharp was interviewed before the microphone by Mr. Charles Graves and recorded his experiences for the B.B.C. overseas programme.

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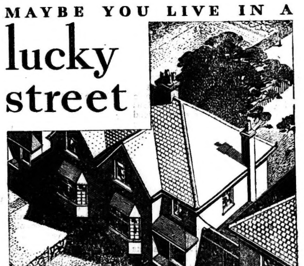

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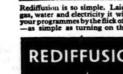

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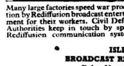

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CUTLERY UNDER BATH

AIR MINISTRY EMPLOYEE FINED

An employee of the Air Ministry works department, Lionel Raymond Chorley, aged 41, of Ashford, Kent, was fined £2 at Margate police court on Wednesday, when he pleaded guilty to stealing three knives, three forks and a teaspoon, value £1, the property of the Air Ministry.

The Chief Constable (Mr. W. Palmer) said on the previous morning Acm. Frederick Howson, a steward, was cleaning out a bathroom on the second floor when he found the knives, forks and spoon wrapped in a piece of paper under the bath. He reported the matter to a corporal, who instructed him to leave them there and keep observation on the room. At 2.30 p.m. defendant was seen to go into the bathroom and the tinkling of cutlery was heard. Shortly afterwards defendant left the room and Howson found that the articles were still under the bath, but the paper had been wrapped more tightly round them. About 3 p.m. a number of workmen, including the defendant, went into the room and when they had left Howson found that the parcel had been removed.

A message was sent to D/S Presland, who was outside the house with D/C Wren, and he stopped a lorry, which was about to leave the premises, in which were eight workmen, including defendant. He told them that some cutlery had been taken from the house and that one of them was suspected of having stolen it. The men were asked to leave the lorry and their bags were searched without the cutlery being found. The lorry was searched, and under a tool chest, where defendant had been sitting, the officer discovered the parcel. Defendant admitted he had been sitting there, but denied all knowledge of the cutlery. He was taken to the police station, where later he told D/S Presland that he took the cutlery from the bathroom, where it had been for two days. Charged with stealing the articles, he replied "I took them on the spur of the moment. I don't know what made me do it."

Defendant said that being in such an unusual place, he did not think the articles were required and on the spur of the moment he took them. He had been working for the Air Ministry for 18 months. He was earning £4 7s. a week.

The Chief Constable said defendant was bound over in 1926 for stealing, and there were four other convictions against him for indecency, the last being in 1930.

BLACK-OUT TIMES

To-day	... 10.29 p.m.—5.43 a.m.
Wednesday	. 10.28 p.m.—5.45 a.m.
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WINTER MILK

TO SEE US THROUGH

National health is being well maintained. None can deny that. Indeed, it seems to be improving. Perhaps a little belt-tightening partly accounts for that; but due credit must be given to our national health policy. Milk is the corner-stone of that policy. It is essential for reinforcing our restricted war-time dietaries. It is vital in winter when we tend most to get a bit under the weather.

Milk production is at all times an irksome job. While many people are crawling out of bed at eight, the milker is afield by five. We "raise our hats to the sweep"; the dairyman equally is entitled to that salute.

Milk has been plentiful this summer, but there is anxiety about winter supplies. Have farmers turned from winter to summer production owing to shortage of labour and feeding stuffs and the competitive demands of cash crops for direct human consumption? Some tendency in that direction there may have been—probably more by accident than design. It is difficult without complete herd replacements to change seasonal calvings suddenly. Spring is the natural breeding season when the young cow's fancy lightly turns that way. War-time feeding is apt to quicken the pace.

Although the public is now getting more milk there has been some decline in milk output as a whole—a tendency more pronounced with the big herds. The increased demand for milk has been met by the influx of a large number of small milk producers. Through intensified cropping many farmers with limited acreage have successfully maintained, or even increased, their winter output. But the production of special crops for winter feeding can generally be achieved with less effort by the farmer with greater scope and the requisite tackle. All dairy farmers must aim, as far as possible, at a regular output the year round; but the man with most acres must pay most attention to winter milk. He naturally and rightly has been giving increased attention to such crops as wheat and potatoes, and so has found some difficulty in meeting the summer labour requirements of milk and arable combined. On the other hand, pressure out of doors relaxes in winter and the dairy herd helps to maintain a more regular balance of labour throughout the year.

On a large farm it is relatively simple to provide the hay, straw, silage, roots, kale and grain that must form the basis, if not the entire fabric, of war-time feeding. Accommodation and water supplies will usually present fewer difficulties than on the smaller farms—formerly all-grass. It is generally impossible for long to maintain arable farming—to grow wheat, beet and potatoes—without adequate supplies of dung. The cow and the stackyard are the means to this end.

POST-WAR FLYING

PRESERVING RAMSGATE AIRPORT

The Town Clerk of Ramsgate (Mr. H. G. Curtis) has informed the Kent War Agricultural Executive Committee that no objection would be raised in principle to the ploughing up of the Airport but that in order that the land might be restored as an aerodrome at the earliest possible moment after the cessation of hostilities the Aerodrome Committee of the Corporation suggested that the ploughing and cultivation should be undertaken by the Corporation.

A further communication has since been received from the War Agricultural Committee stating that in their opinion it is essential that Mr. Spain, the sub-tenant of Ramsgate Airport Ltd., should retain 40 acres of grass for his dairy herd and that he should be allocated an additional ten acres for the purpose of growing cattle feed. Subject to this allocation they suggested that the Corporation should undertake the ploughing of the remaining 30 acres.

The report presented to Ramsgate Town Council on Thursday stated that the committee felt that some definite undertaking should be reached as to the reinstatement of the land as an aerodrome after the war and that Lord Northbourne, as Area Representative of the War Agricultural Committee, be requested to meet the committee to discuss the matter and that the secretary of Ramsgate Airport Ltd. be invited to attend the meeting.

A.T.C. PROGRESS

CAPT. BALFOUR'S CONGRATULATIONS

Capt. H. H. Balfour, M.C., M.P. for Thanet, Under-Secretary of State for Air, has sent the following message to the No. 438 (Thanet) Squadron of the Air Training Corps:

I send the officers, instructors, N.C.Os and cadets of the Thanet Squadron my best wishes for their success, and my congratulations on the progress the squadron has made in 1942.

I watch closely the progress of all units of the Air Training Corps, and I regularly discuss with my colleagues on the Air Council, and with the Director of the Corps, all important questions of policy which affect it, because we all recognise the importance of the part which the corps has to play in meeting the needs of the Royal Air Force. I am naturally however, especially interested in the squadron in my own constituency. I hope the Thanet Squadron will set a lead to the other squadrons in the country, both in numbers and quality. The proportion of proficient cadets is a good guide to the keenness and efficiency of a unit, and I am confident that the Thanet Squadron will, before long, show one of the highest figures in the corps. You may be sure I shall watch the figures.

Good luck to the staff, instructors, N.C.Os and cadets of the Thanet Squadron.

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4FT. Oak Bedroom Suite wanted, preferably lined.—A. C. Murphy, phone Borough Green 147. 39

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HOUSES, FLATS, ETC.

UNFURNISHED Flat, bath.—12 Guildford lawn, opposite Library, Ramsgate. 41

THIS WEEK'S COMPLETE STORY

THE PROPHET'S CHAMBER

By VIOLET M. METHLEY.

Danesford considered the profile, rather like a Wedgwood medallion with the faint colouring of creamy skin and the classical knot of pale golden hair against a background of blue-grey sky.

She was one of the new passengers who had boarded the homeward-bound liner at Funchal—Mr. and Mrs. Gervase Farrenden. But—*why* did that delicate outline of nose and chin remind him so inevitably of green gooseberries and a corkscrew pain in his inward parts——?

"Margery!" He started forward, dropping his book.

"Terence!" The owner of the profile, turning, gasped the word, and, even in that instant, emotions followed each other swiftly across her face—surprise, pleasure, fear. Yes, and fear remained at the last, like an ugly sediment. It had not quite gone when she spoke again, in spite of her laugh.

"How could you recognise me, Terence? It's eleven years since you went to South Africa. I was barely sixteen."

"The sight of your profile suddenly recalled the worst tummyache I ever had in my life." Danesford told her gravely. "Don't you remember that time I was so awfully bad after green gooseberries? And a kind little cousin sat on my window-seat in my bedroom, and read 'The Wreckers.' I could see your face against the sky that afternoon, and it must have impressed itself as vividly on my memory as——"

"The green-gooseberry-ache! How romantic!" She pulled the rug over her knees with nervous movements. "But you were only about fourteen, and it must be nearly seventeen years ago—a lifetime!"

"What a memory the girl has! Yes, I've been nearly twelve years in South Africa—twelve good years on the whole. Now I'm coming home for good, fairly well off, still a bachelor, and sound in wind and limb. That's a brief synopsis of *my* life—and what's happened to you, Margery? I've not heard a word all these years."

"You never wrote," she pointed out, quietly. "I? Oh, I'm married."

"Married? Why, of course. I saw your name on the passenger list, but it naturally conveyed nothing. And Mr. Farrenden is——?"

"He's coming along the deck now," Margery Farrenden spoke in the same quiet voice, but Danesford saw her face suddenly lose the soft sensitive flush of a moment before.

"A lot older than Margery," Danesford thought, as he glanced appraisingly towards the newcomer. "But a good-looking chap; sort of eighteenth century effect, somehow."

That impression Gervase Farrenden often gave. Grey-clothed, grey-haired, grey-eyed, he would have reminded some people—although not Terence Danesford—of a certain famous Goya portrait in the London National Gallery. His smile, as he stood beside his wife's deck-chair and glanced from her to Terence, was as charming as that of the Doctor in the picture, but it was she who spoke first, rather hurriedly.

"Oh, Gervase, isn't it strange? I—we've—just discovered that this is my cousin Terence Danesford; the—the one who went out to South Africa."

"Of course I know, you told me about him." A gleam of pleased recognition showed in the grey eyes. "What a curious chance that you should have met—that we should have chosen the same boat."

"A very lucky chance for me," Danesford declared. "I was feeling like a returned prodigal, who had no fatted calf to expect. All my people are dead, so I've no home."

Invitation.

"Ah, but you mustn't feel like that now." Farrenden's softened voice was as charming as his smile. "You must come to us at Queen's Barton; we shall be delighted, shan't we, Margery? I've always wished that my wife had more young relations: she's been brotherless, sisterless and cousinless up to now. You must make Queen's Barton your headquarters: it's convenient for London."

"Terence would find it very dull, I'm afraid." Mrs. Farrenden's voice sounded oddly stiff and restrained. "I don't think he'd want to stay long."

"Oh, come, Margery, you know what friends we were in the old days—tremendous pals——" Danesford began, but Farrenden interrupted him gently.

"Quite so. I shall depend upon *you* to make Queen's Barton attractive, dear. At any rate, you must give it and us a trial, Mr. Danesford, and I trust that you will enjoy it more than Margery thinks."

"I shall be delighted," Danesford said, and spoke still more warmly after Mr. Farrenden had passed on along the deck with a friendly little nod.

"It was awfully good of your husband to invite me; it makes my homecoming quite different."

"Yes." Her voice was oddly weary.

"Queer, though, I'd never imagined you married, Margery."

"No? It happened nearly five years ago."

"He's charming, anyway, and easy to get on with, I should think. Calm, good-tempered."

"Yes, very good-tempered. Sometimes I wish that he wasn't." The last words were spoken almost under her breath, and Danesford, glancing round, caught again that look of fear. But next instant she smiled at him, and added:

"I only mean that Gervase would be more human if he raged at me sometimes, that's all. I always had a very quick temper, you remember, Terence?"

"Yes. You were a regular little spitfire. A darling, though! Jove! It's good to meet you again like this, Margery!"

She looked at him gravely, rather strangely.

"I—wonder?" she said slowly, spacing out her words.

The rest of the voyage passed quickly enough for Danesford. Gervase Farrenden was invariably kind and courteous, but one never quite knew what mood Margery would be in, Danesford decided. Sometimes she was silent, sad, almost repellent; at other moments very nearly the adorable little cousin of twelve years before, when Danesford had been too crude and young to realise that adorableness.

Sometimes she looked no older than on the day when she said good-bye to him; sometimes she seemed to have aged by twenty rather than twelve years. Danesford wondered whether the marriage was a success; decided that there was no evidence to the contrary—since Margery's worst complaint seemed to be that her husband was too good-tempered! Of course, he was nearly twice her age, but then matches of that kind often turned out quite well.

On arrival they parted for the time being, but not before Farrenden had insisted that the younger man should fix a definite date for his visit to Queen's Barton.

"Of course, you'll have business in Town first," he said. "But you must come as soon as possible, and stay as long as you can. Shall we say this day week?"

The Guest Room.

Danesford said it, gladly, and on the day appointed found the Farrendens in their car waiting for him when he left the train. Margery seemed in one of her silent moods, but her husband was in cheerful spirits and talked pleasantly as they drove towards Queen's Barton.

The house was Elizabethan, tiny, but perfect, set in a tree-filled crease of the Downs, all red-brick, and lichen-gilded tiles. Farrenden, as they drove to the porch, explained the difficulties of enlarging the house without spoiling its character.

"There were very few rooms, and mostly over-large—but too well-proportioned to think of dividing them," he said. "And the hall and staircase are big, too. After a lot of contrivance, I made the old kitchens into billiard-room and smoke-room, and built new service premises, away from the house, screened by shrubs and connected by a covered passage. Then, for a spare bedroom, I added a room at the back, over a kind of glazed-in verandah. That will be your room, my dear boy—I may call you Terence, mayn't I? After all, you were almost like a brother to Margery, weren't you?"

Danesford agreed, with a laughing glance towards the girl who stood waiting for them under the pillared doorway.

"I'm afraid I was—only too like," he said. "Just as domineering and exactly as most brothers are to younger sisters."

After tea in the hall, Farrenden rose, saying that they must show Terence his room.

"It is on the top floor," he said, as he led the way up the dark oak staircase. "The sun-parlour underneath is very high, so as to accommodate some tall creepers, but there are advantages in the height, as you will see. On the first floor there is only our bedroom, and a dressing-room; above—up this little staircase—the servants' rooms in front and behind—" he paused, threw open a cream-coloured door. "Our Prophet's Chamber—yes, that's a good name for it, Margery. A place always ready for Terence, whenever he will come to fill it."

There was something most attractive about the simply furnished room. The dark cream paint, the golden walls, the russet carpet and curtains were reproduced in the golden blossoms and red-brown leaves of the roses which thrust enquiring faces through the wide window. Across to that window Farrenden led the way, pointing out the view, over tree-tops, away to the Downs and a glimpse of the sea—the view which was the compensation for the height of the room.

"And now we'll leave you," he said, smiling. "But we hope that you will be very happy in this room, don't we Margery?"

"Of course," Margery said, hurriedly, but her voice was dull, almost uninterested.

As for Danesford, he felt no doubts. Left to his unpacking, with the room flooded with western sunshine, he felt thoroughly content, thoroughly satisfied with this re-introduction to England, a satisfaction which only increased as the summer days passed.

Companionship.

Farrenden encouraged his wife and Danesford to go out together, to ride, play golf and tennis, and explore the country in the car or on foot.

"My dear boy, I'm only too glad that Margery should have a companion," he insisted. "I'm not good myself at outdoor games, and I've always felt that she needs more air, exercise and sunshine. Give those to her and I shall be grateful to you; I've plenty to do in the house and garden, pottering little jobs that I love; it's pure selfishness on my part."

So Danesford fell in with such a pleasant way of life, spending most of each day with Margery and the little white terrier who was her constant companion. Margery, with her changing moods, her sweet gravity, her sweeter youthfulness.

On the whole, the younger side of her prevailed; she seemed less aloof, less preoccupied than during the first week after their meeting, the look of doubt and apprehension had left her eyes, or at least Danesford caught no glimpse of it until he had been almost a month at Queen's Barton.

It was an exquisite September day, a day too lovely for dispassionate criticism. Danesford and Margery, with Vicky, the dog, had walked across the Downs for three miles and more. They were sitting now on the close, sheep-bitten turf at the head of a steeply-cleft chalk path, which drove downwards between high banks. A holly tree gave shade and the terrier lay between them, on Margerys' skirt, but gazing adoringly at the young man, whom she had added to her short list of idols.

Danesford lay back, hat tilted over his eyes, looking once more at Margery's profile against the sun-bleached sky.

"What a confounded fool I was twelve years ago!" he said presently.

"Do you mean—to go to South Africa?" she asked.

"To go to South Africa—without realising what an adorable girl I left behind me in the shape of my Cousin Margery—to leave it to the first man who came along to make that discovery and annex you for himself."

Margery gave a little laugh.

"You take it for granted that I was merely waiting to be annexed and that Gervase was the first man who came along," she said. "Thanks for the compliment."

"I say, you know I didn't intend it that way!" Danesford protested.

"It's exactly what a relation *would* say and think." She spoke so bitterly that Danesford realised something was amiss and, in a sudden flash of insight, what that something was.

"You mean there was someone else before Farrenden, someone who let you down?" he questioned her impulsively.

"Yes, you might put it that way. But we won't talk about it, Terence."

"I'm sorry, Margery; sorry for everything, I mean." Danesford spoke awkwardly. "You didn't mind my asking, I hope. After all, as your husband said, we used to be like brother and sister once."

"No, I didn't mind," she said, but sprang up at the same moment and walked swiftly across the turf. Danesford's eyes rested on her speculatively; this explained her moodiness, then, the changes he noticed—explained, too, her marriage to a man so much older than herself. And she still cared for the other fellow, that was very evident. Poor Margery—poor child! With a muttered exclamation, Danesford, too, sprang up and followed.

Unexpected Request.

He overtook Margery, and she stopped and faced him, almost with the air of someone at bay. A tuft of bluebells grew at her feet, and she looked strangely like them in her pale blue dress, as fragile, as easily hurt—trembling as they did on their wiry stems. It was that likeness which made Danesford speak even more gently than he had intended.

"Can't I do anything to help, my dear?" he said. "Anything to make things easier for you?"

"Yes, you can go away soon," she said, unexpectedly. "For your own sake. Yes, I mean it."

Danesford stared in amazement.

"But I thought you rather liked having me hear—both of you," he said, feebly.

"I don't want to talk about myself. As for Gervase, he is jealous of you—of any man. You see, he *knows*."

"About the other man?"

"Yes."

"But he seems delighted to have me here. I can't help thinking you're mistaken, Margery, as far as I'm concerned."

"I'm not."

"He likes so obviously to see us going about together: why, he asked me here himself, probably because he felt that it would be quite safe."

"That wasn't the reason."

"What, then?"

"I believe he's—punishing me——" the last words dropped almost to a whisper, but Danesford still stared at her incredulously.

"Punishing you?" he repeated.

"Yes. Because of the other man. And—I don't want you to suffer because of him—and me."

"Margery, what do you mean—you must tell me——"

"There isn't anything more. It's just that—a matter between me and Gervase—an old, old matter, and you can help me best by doing nothing and going away soon," she said, and walked swiftly on, the little dog trotting beside her, yet looking back wistfully at Danesford.

The silence between them was strained and tense, as they took the steep cutting of the downward path; curiously enough, in the circumstances, it came almost as a relief to Danesford, when, round the first curve, they came upon a grey-clad figure.

"I thought I might meet you," Farrenden smiled. "But I'm slow on these hills."

He was absolutely his usual self, far more so than either of his companions. Danesford knew that he was flushed and awkward; once he caught a little gleam of fear in Margery's eyes.

Reminded of that expressed wish of hers, Danesford began to thank Farrenden for his hospitality, to explain that unfortunately it would be necessary for him to leave to-morrow. He knew, inwardly, that those explanations were unconvincing—and that his host was unconvinced. He repeated them and his regrets so often before next morning that he felt the phrases becoming mechanical, metallic, like a worn gramophone record.

A Feeling of Farewell.

Yet, as he paused in the doorway of his room to look back, when the car was at the door, Danesford had the strongest conviction that he would never enter it again—never see any more that pleasant place, where he had slept so peacefully and been so happy, happier than he had realised until that moment of departure.

The conviction remained with him as he went downstairs, as he held Margery's cold hand for a moment, remained even when Farrenden added to his farewell a cordial reminder that the Prophet's Chamber was always waiting for him. It was a conviction which strengthened during the days and weeks which followed. It was only shaken when he received a letter from Gervase Farrenden nearly three months later, with an invitation to Queen's Barton.

"I am asking you a favour," Farrenden wrote. "Margery is away, and I am finding the house lonely, especially as I am not over-well. Will you come down for this next week-end? It would mean more to me than you can realise. Perhaps you will allow me to ask this favour as Margery's husband."

Danesford frowned thoughtfully over the letter. In the circumstances, it was difficult to refuse, unreasonable, too, since Margery was away, and therefore surely could not object to his presence. After all, Farrenden had been extraordinarily kind and hospitable; probably Margery's idea of his jealousy was only a morbid obsession, strengthened by her own self-knowledge.

He accepted by telegram, and Farrenden received him with a warmer charm than ever, apologising, explaining.

"I've been under the weather, but don't mention that to Margery if you're writing; I don't want her to cut short a pleasant visit. But I miss her almost as much as that wretched little dog of hers, who'll never accept *me* as a substitute. There's the little beast making up to you at once; upon my word, I'm jealous of you!"

Vicky had pressed close to Danesford, whining faintly, with upraised, adoring eyes, and Farrenden laughed.

"Well, we'll have tea," he said, ringing the bell, "before you go to your room. It's wonderfully pleasant to think you'll be back there again. By the way, we've made some slight alterations for the better, I hope. One of those big new fitted cupboards—I was just telling Mr. Danesford about the change in his room," he broke off to add to the parlourmaid who entered, tea-bearing, and the girl smiled.

"Yes, sir, I was going to ask if you had," she said, and Danesford leant back in his chair, pulling Vicky's ears, feeling that things were easier than he had expected.

"We only miss Margery: she will be sorry not to see you." Farrenden was pouring out the tea. "Well, it was all the kinder of you to come, when I know, naturally, that she is the attraction."

His voice was so easy, so untroubled, that Danesford cursed his own awkward silence; if there was a difficult situation it was chiefly of his own making, not Farrenden's.

Yet why should it be difficult except for that knowledge which had been deepening in Danesford ever since arriving, he felt the utter emptiness of the house, which had been before so filled for him with happiness. He knew then what he had felt subconsciously for months past, without allowing it to take shape in his mind: that it was Margery's presence which made Queen's Barton a semi-paradise; probably he would have let himself realise it before had he not been shocked by the confession that she loved another man. It made no difference now, his love, blossoming too late, was no less strongly rooted.

As an actor speaks before the curtain which hides the stage, so Farrenden went on talking, easily and pleasantly, against the background of Danesford's thoughts, whilst the blue dusk of the window-squares turned to black darkness. Danesford rose at last to go to his room, with a sudden intense wish to be alone.

"It's time I went to dress, isn't it?" he said. "I must unpack my things."

"Yes. Lily will have taken the suitcase to your room," Farrenden answered. "You'll excuse me coming—I have a letter to write before post-time, and you know your way!"

Fall in the Dark.

He laughed gently, and Danesford went upstairs, Vicky still closely following him. There was a light in the first floor corridor, but the upper passage was in darkness, except for a faint gleam from the window at the end. Probably the electric light had fused, but in any case it did not matter to Danesford, knowing his room so well.

He could see the pallid oblong of the door, the dark handle; he turned it, groped inside for the switch, stepped into the room—stepped into nothingness.

Cold windy darkness seemed to sweep towards Danesford, carrying away his hoarse cry, as he fell, pitching forward, flinging out his arms, wildly, desperately. There was a tearing, rending sound, and something brought him up with a jerk, such as that which ends a fall in a nightmare.

Surely it must be a nightmare, nothing else could account for it. He could not actually be hanging there, above a black void, with the cold wind beating against him. It was utterly impossible, and yet the nightmare did not pass. Vicky was in it, too,—he could hear her whine——

It was only a matter of seconds, probably, before Danesford's brain cleared, and he realised his position. Something had caught the thick loose tweed of his coat, just behind the left shoulder; that was what had prevented him from falling, and, reaching up with his right hand, he discovered a jutting plank-end.

Cautiously he raised his other arm, until he could use both hands to support himself, to take the strain from the yielding cloth; he hung there, swinging slightly, half turned now towards the wall-face, and still too stunned by the shock to be capable of more than faint wonderment as to what would happen next.

His fingers were already stiff and aching; it was impossible that he could hang there for long—even more impossible to drag himself up, without knowing how far he had fallen, able to see nothing in the windy blackness which surrounded him.

Then, from somewhere overhead came the sound of steps, soft, slow; and suddenly a gleam of light shone out, unexpectedly nearby, glinting, as it was moved this way and that, on the shining leaves of a holly bush, on the surface of the house wall.

Stiffly, Danesford jerked his head a little backwards, until he could see a grey figure a white hand holding the big electric torch, the white face which the torch lit up.

Or was it the torch? At that moment it seemed to Danesford that the livid pallor of Farrenden's features was lighted from within by some horrible, unearthly glow of triumph.

This was a new Farrenden, a Farrenden with the kindly, courteous mask dropped, and at sight of him the cry for help which had been on Danesford's lips, was strangled; he hung there, grimly, waiting.

Farrenden leaned forward, still moving the light this way and that, peering down. The beam, like a tiny searchlight, could not escape Danesford for long; it reached him, shone full into his eyes, dazzling him for a moment, and from the man overhead broke a low curse, hideous in its fervour.

"Ah!" he snarled. "You think you've escaped. Wait—wait——"

He drew back for a moment and Danesford set his teeth, waiting. Then Farrenden was back, but in his hand he held an ugly, heavy native club, which the other man remembered having seen hanging in the corridor outside his room. He set the torch on the sill of the open doorway, then, deliberately, poised himself to bring down the club upon Danesford's clutching fingers.

To do this, Farrenden had to lean forward through the opening, standing on the edge, and, as he raised the club, Danesford shouted in a fierce burst of fury.

"You devil! God, if I could get at you——"

Death Crash.

A jeering laugh answered him, and another sound, a sharp, welcoming bark. Vicky, disconsolate, had heard her friend's voice, dashed forward to the edge of the open door, blundered against the man balanced there——

There was a hoarse cry—the scuffling of feet, the frightened yap of the little dog; and then a dark body pitching forward into the darkness, past Danesford, the clang of the falling torch, another heavy thud. And silence, except for the wind rustling in the trees, and Vicky's whine from just overhead.

Danesford felt sweat spring out upon his forehead. For a moment he almost released his hold, then pulled himself together with a fierce effort. If he was to save himself he must do it now, before his strength gave way, and, after all, he knew that it was only a matter of inches to the door-sill above.

Hairsbreadth by hairsbreath, he dragged himself up, until he was able to reach the ledge with his fingers, until he was over it, could fling himself forward, panting and exhausted, with a muscular effort which drained all the strength in his body.

He lay face downward in the corridor and there Lily found him a little later, and exclaimed in horror and amazement:

"Why, sir, what's happened? I heard Master telling you about the change; about how you'd have to be downstairs in the dressing-room."

"Yes, he told me," Danesford forced his dry, stiff lips to speak. "I—forgot and—he came to see, and tripped over the dog and—fell. I couldn't save him."

It made a reasonable explanation, and Danesford perfected it by repetition, to account for that grey-clad, huddled body, with the broken neck, which lay on the concrete floor of the conservatory beneath. There had been a fire some weeks before, it appeared, caused, it was thought, by the stove in the glass-house, and the room above, the Prophet's Chamber, had been entirely burnt out, floor, walls ceiling.

But Danesford's glib story broke down when he and Margery were alone together next day; when he met her steady, tragic gaze.

"Tell me the truth, Terence," she said. "*All* the truth. It can't hurt more than what I imagine, what I *know*, really. And remember, he killed any—any liking that I ever had for him, long, long ago, killed it by kindness, I think—his terrible, terrible kindness——" She shivered, went on speaking steadily: "So—tell me the truth."

And Danesford told her, ending helplessly—

"But he must have been mad——"

"Yes, I think so, in some ways—always," she nodded gravely. "And the fire which destroyed the room must have been his doing: it would be easy enough to arrange—just as he arranged for me to go away before he asked you here. Gervase had hated you for so many years that it had become an obsession of a kind which nothing could satisfy except your death."

"So many years!" Danesford stared perplexedly. "But we'd never met, he only knew me as your cousin."

"I've got to be fair, even to him." Margery spoke under her breath, and a deep, agonised flush rose in her white face. "I must tell you the truth. It was my fault—all this."

"Do you mean because you married Farrenden?"

"That, too—yes. But I was very young and desperately lonely, and—I thought he was kind. But it was something else I did, something I said, soon after we were married. You don't know what my life was with him, and—and one day he drove me too far. I lost my temper, told him that I hated him, that there was only one man I ever loved or ever *could* love. I did worse than that; I told him the man's name."

She hid her face in her hands, spoke almost without realising it.

"He never forgot. It was in his mind when you first met. He planned and waited—and you fell into his trap."

"Into his trap—yes," Danesford said, quietly. "But I'd already fallen into something else. Margery, it's all over; he can't hurt us any more—God forgive him! But I must know this, because you're all that matters in my life—was it true what you told him, when you lost your temper?"

She raised her face, and it was the Margery of twelve years—of seventeen years before, who answered simply.

"Of course it was true," she said.

The End

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O.R'S PLEASE NOTE

WILL all Old Boys of Chatham House School on Active Service send service particulars to Mr. L. C. Philpott, 34 The Oval, Stafford, if they have not already done so.

TANKS FOR ATTACK

In the first week of Margate's "Tanks for Attack" campaign the sum of £2,616 was raised towards the target of £37,525 in ten weeks. In addition £415 was saved through street savings groups.

The total savings in the borough during July amounted to £9,655.

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25 YEARS AGO

(CUTTINGS FROM OUR COLUMNS)

THE WAR OF 1914-18

In order to assist in the production of residuals necessary in the manufacture of high explosives, it is officially announced that consumers should burn as much gas as possible.

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Chief interest at a meeting of Broadstairs Tribunal centred around the cases of eight men employed by a tramways and lighting company, and it was stated that any material reduction of the present staff would probably result in the closing of the public services.

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Air-Mechanic R. V. Crow, of the R.N.A.S., and the King's Theatre, Ramsgate, is now engaged upon work much more interesting than was the case in his earlier periods with the colours. He is now engaged in connection with the construction of the famous Tanks.

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Two Ramsgate police officers, L/Cpls. F. E. Pritchard and A. Cossons, have enjoyed an interesting and agreeable experience while in France. They were sent up country to do duty at the chateau where the Queen was staying and while there had the honour of meeting and greeting the Prince of Wales, who visited his mother.

50 YEARS AGO

(CUTTINGS FROM OUR COLUMNS)

A PUBLIC NUISANCE

At a meeting of Broadstairs and St. Peter's Local Board the Clerk read a requisition signed by Dr. Raven and other residents of Albion-street complaining of the annoyance and unpleasantness caused by the action of the drivers and conductors of brakes running between Broadstairs and Ramsgate. When Mr. Hodgman's brakes alone were running no annoyance was caused, but now that opposition had been started at reduced fares the roadway was almost continuously blocked. Dr. Raven was often unable to reach his front door, and great annoyance was caused by the rival conductors. Another requisition was presented from residents in the vicinity of Nelson and Rectory-roads. They stated that so great was the annoyance that visitors had found it impossible to stay there. The Chairman (Mr. E. S. Goodson) said it was a serious matter for the town and asked for suggestions. Mr. May said there would be no objection to one wagonette standing for a few minutes, but the nuisance was caused by two or three behind each other, and the rivalry caused thereby amongst the conductors. It was decided that the matter should be left in the hands of the police in accordance with the Towns Police Clauses Act, and that brakes be not allowed any longer time in any thoroughfare than was required to set down and take up passengers.

CLIPPER LAUNCHED

On Wednesday a new fishing vessel was launched from Messrs. Moses' shipbuilding yard at Ramsgate. The vessel, which is of elegant proportions, was named the New Clipper. The tug afterwards towed the new smack into the harbour, where she will receive her masts and be fitted out for sea.

DANGEROUS MOONLIGHT

ANTON WALBROOK AT ODEON

Vivid memories of events which they witnessed two years ago will be recalled for many Ramsgate people by one of the starring films being shown at the Odeon Cinema this week.

One of the season's gayest entertainments, "Playmates," which teams Kay Kyser, the famous band leader, and John Barrymore, heads the bill to-day (Tuesday) and to-morrow. The riotous story presents Barrymore as a great Shakespearean actor who is down on his luck. When he is reminded of outstanding arrears of income tax he is forced to participate in a scheme which teams him with the band leader who is riding high on a wave of popularity. The great actor's efforts to teach the bandsman the finer points of Shakespeare, his plight when a hot-tempered Mexican woman bull-fighter seeks vengeance for being left at the altar, and his horror when Kyser puts on his Shakespearean festival in swing lead to an uproarious conclusion. "Night in New Orleans," with Preston Foster, is also being shown.

The superb emotional saga of a great Polish pianist who sacrifices his career and happiness to play his part in the historical Battle of Britain, "Dangerous Moonlight" is the chief feature for the latter part of the week. Anton Walbrook interprets the role of the musician. At the time of the German invasion of Poland he is serving with his country's air force. He escapes to America but after his marriage to Sally Gray has an irresistible urge to join the Polish Air Force in Britain. Believing he is better serving his country through music, Miss Gray unavailingly attempts to stifle her husband's ambition. Walbrook's thrilling exploits in the Battle of Britain are a highlight of the picture. "Terror on Tip-Toe," with Bernard Nedell, will also be shown.

SALARY INCREASE

FOR GAS AND WATER SECRETARY

The report of the Gas and Water Committee, presented to Ramsgate Town Council on Thursday, stated that Mr. H. R. Hubbell was appointed to the position of secretary on 10th August last year at a commencing salary of £375 per annum rising by annual increments of £25 to £500 per annum.

The salary for the position originally fixed by the Salaries and Grading Committee was £400 per annum rising to £500.

In view of Mr. Hubbell's satisfactory service the committee recommended that at the expiration of his first year's service as secretary he be placed in the position in which he would have been if he had been given the normal salary at the date of his appointment—the minimum salary of £400 per annum plus an increment of £25.

The recommendation was adopted.

£150,000 WILL

BEQUESTS TO MARGATE HOSPITAL

The late Mrs. Violet Estelle Frances Becker, of Porchester-terrace, London, W., and Wargrave, Berks, whose will has been proved this week, left £140,956, with net personalty £136,213.

Mrs. Becker was the eldest daughter by his second marriage of the late Mr. F. Mardsen Cobb, of Bank House, Margate, and was the widow of Mr. Frank Becker, a City merchant, who died about three years ago.

Mrs. Becker left £1,200 to Margate Hospital to endow a Francis Marsden Cobb bed and £1,200 to endow an Agnes Elizabeth Cobb bed. She also made a similar bequest to the West London Hospital for the endowment of a bed in memory of her husband.

Personal bequests made by Mrs. Becker included a legacy of £2,000 to her nephew, John Becker, "for coming so far to join up in the defence of his country." Mr. Becker returned to England from Malaya early in the war and is serving as a captain in the R.A.S.C.

Mrs. Becker, who was born in Margate, lived in the town for a number of years and was always keenly interested in its welfare.

CHILDREN'S LIBRARY

TO BE RE-OPENED AT RAMSGATE

As soon as the necessary cleaning has been done the Children's Library at Ramsgate Public Library is to be re-opened.

The Library will be open from 4.15 p.m. to 5.15 p.m. from Monday to Friday and on Saturdays from 10.30 to 11.45 a.m. and 3 p.m. to 4 p.m.

The chairman (Alderman W. Hawkins) has reported to the Library Committee that he has under consideration the question of making available at the Library facilities for educational visits by parties of schoolchildren, accompanied by teachers, during the school holidays and also in term time. The scheme suggested would include talks and exhibits on such subjects as "The story of making a dictionary," "How a library is run," "Old Ramsgate," etc.

The committee feel that every endeavour should be made to encourage schoolchildren to use the Library and have approved the scheme outlined by the chairman. The Education Committee have been requested to bring to the notice of all head teachers the arrangements which are being made.

A roll of "Friends of the Library" is to be established in which will be entered the names of people who have in the past or who in the future may make gifts to the Library and Museum.

Moving the report of the Library Committee at Thursday's meeting of the Council, Alderman Hawkins said people were being asked to turn out their cupboards and bookshelves for salvage and it was obvious they must come across some books which were of antiquarian interest or out of print. If members of the Council had any such books he suggested they should take them along to the Library. At the Library the books would be examined and if they were not of any value they would then go for salvage.

Drawing attention to the record of "Friends of the Library," Alderman Hawkins expressed the hope that the name of every member of the Council would be inscribed on it.

CHURCH RE-OPENS

REV. J. V. MARKHAM WELCOMED TO MARGATE

Clergy from all parts of Thanet attended the re-opening service at All Saints' Church, Westbrook, when the priest-in-charge, the Rev. J. V. Markham, whose home is at Minster, was introduced by the Rural Dean (Canon A. W. MacMichael, of Minster).

Leaving Oxford 20 years ago, Mr. Markham was for 13 years a schoolmaster. He spent four years in the East End of London, doing social work at Oxford House, Bethnal Green, and since his ordination two years ago has been curate at Milford, Hampshire.

Among the clergy present to welcome Mr. Markham were the Rev. D. V. Beckingham (Vicar of Margate), Rev. J. B. Cowall (Vicar of Holy Trinity, Margate), Rev. C. H. Bailey (Rector of Broadstairs), Rev. C. R. Farnsworth (Vicar of Ramsgate), Rev. J. H. Roundhill (Vicar of St. Lawrence), Rev. H. C. Henham (Vicar of Monkton), Rev. C. A. Peacock (St. Saviour's, Westgate), Rev. J. D. G. Reeve (All Saints', Birchington) and Rev. J. Rooney (St. Luke's, Ramsgate).

Thanking the congregation for the welcome accorded him, Mr. Markham said he thought the parish would be interested to know that it was not only because his home was in Minster that he had come to Margate. It was really through a friend of the late Canon Hubbard's, himself a canon in another diocese, which might be regarded as a guarantee of some continuity of tradition. He was delighted to come to this corner of England because he knew and loved it. Kent was good, East Kent very good, and to him Thanet was, perhaps, best of all. He had been impressed and encouraged by the care with which the church had been cleaned and tended by voluntary workers, which reflected great credit on them. He thanked the Vicar of Margate and the Rev. A. Mapson for caring for the church, and thanked Canon MacMichael for conducting the re-opening service.

RAID DISTRESS FLAG DAY

MRS. TODD AGAIN HEADS THE LIST

The flag day held at Ramsgate last week on behalf of the Lord Mayor of London's Empire Air Raid Distress Fund realised £40 17s. 11½d.

Once again the list of collectors was headed by Mrs. Todd, of 22 Bright's-place, with a total of £4 6s. 3½d.

Other collectors were:

Mrs. Hall, £3 9s. 3d.; Miss LeGallais, £2 12s. 7d.; Mrs. Neep, £2 6e. 7½d.; Fire Station, Chatham-street, £2 5s. 9d.; Mrs. Bickerton, £1 19s. 5½d.; Mrs. Lock, £1 14s. 10½d.; Mrs. Neeves, £1 12s. 10½d.; Mrs. Nicholls, £1 11s. 1d.; Mrs. Nicholls, £1 9s. 1½d.; Miss Howells, £1 8s. 10½d.; Mrs. Ellistone, £1 8s. 2½d.; the Mayor, £1 8s. 4d.; Mrs. Baker, £1 7s. 10d.; Miss Tappenden, £1 6s. 6½d.; Miss Foster, £1 5s. 7½d.; Mrs. Adams, £1 2s. 7½d.; Fire Stations —Effingham-street, £1 3s. 2d., Northwood, £1 0s. 2d.; Miss Fenn, 19s. 2d.; Miss Hales, 18s. 9d.; Mrs. Snapes, 17s. 0½d.; Mr. Green, 15s. 2½d.; Mr Britton, 14s. 6d.; Mrs. Baker, 14s. 5½d.; Miss Moys, 8s. 4½d.; Mrs. Bishop, 7s. 2d.; Miss Hunt, 4s.

The Mayoress (Mrs. Kempe), who carried out the organisation, wishes to thank all the helpers who have responded to her appeals for assistance for the many collections for which she has been responsible.

COUNCIL BREVITY

The quarterly meeting of Ramsgate Town Council, held at Clarendon House on Thursday, was one of the shortest on record.

The reports of 11 committee meetings were adopted in little more than five minutes and there were brief comments on two items only.

The holding of the quarterly meeting on the last Thursday in July instead of the first Thursday in August is a relic of the days when councillors went for holidays or were too busily occupied in catering for visitors to attend to the affairs of the town.

VERY REASONABLE

June Petrol Consumption By C.D. Vehicles

In their second report to Ramsgate Town Council the Civil Defence sub-committee appointed to examine the consumption of petrol used in connection with the Civil Defence services states that the average miles per gallon for all vehicles is approximately nine.

"Bearing in mind the frequent running of engines for deployment purposes and exercises recording little mileage, if any, and the number of short journeys made in many instances for delivery purposes, the sub-committee are of the opinion that the consumption of petrol for the month of June is very reasonable for the fleet of cars which the Council are required to maintain," states the report.

A table attached to the report shows that 145 gallons of petrol were consumed and the mileage covered was 1,379.

The report states that in relation to the comparatively small amount of mileage which the majority of the vehicles show for the petrol consumed, the sub-committee's attention was drawn to the difficulty of measuring accurately the amount of petrol consumed by a particular vehicle. Obstacles in the way of doing so included the difficulty of topping up petrol tanks without wastage, and the loss which occurred by evaporation.

In relation to the Rescue and Demolition Services details were produced by the Borough Engineer of the purposes for which the vehicles were used during June. The sub-committee accepted them as necessary and reasonable, the total petrol consumed being a much lower figure than hitherto—21 gallons.

The uses to which the Casualty Service cars were put was also found to be reasonable and necessary.

The sub-committee found that, in the case of vehicles used for the transport of meals from the British Restaurants to the Casualty Services personnel on reinforcement and stand-by duty, in addition to a journey for the delivery of meals a daily journey had been made for the collection of used crockery and heaters, and they felt that this course should be discontinued.

The report of the Civil Defence Committee stated that a proposal to discontinue the present system of sending a midday meal by car to the whole-time wardens at Manston and Cliffs End resulted in an equal number of members voting for and against, and the existing arrangements would therefore be continued.

When the report was presented to the Council on Thursday, Councillor J. B. Butler, "as one who has been a little bit noisy about this petrol business," paid the sub-committee a high compliment.

"There is not one matter I could have dug into more deeply if I had been a member of the committee," said Councillor Butler. "I hope this will be the last occasion I shall have to rise on the petrol question."

JUVENILE TEMPLARS' ANNIVERSARY

The 45th anniversary of the Diamond Jubilee Juvenile Temple, I.O.G.T., was held in the Good Templar Hall, Edge End-road, Broadstairs, on Tuesday.

After the young officers of the Temple had given proof of their ability in performing the opening ceremony, the chair was occupied by Mrs. O. E. Fennell, C.T., Star of the East Lodge, who congratulated the Temple on the success they had achieved since they re-opened last September.

Several musical items were rendered by the Temple members, and the secretary's report showed splendid progress.

Congratulations and good wishes were extended by Mrs. R. A. Watt, P.D.V.T., Advance Lodge, Mr. T. Wright, P.D.M., Sunbeam Lodge, Mr. J. Gardiner, P.C.C.T., Thanet Templar Convention, Miss R. Knott, Thanet Templar Queen, Miss Norma Hope, Ramsgate Onward Temple, and Mr. A. B. Impett, P.D.S.J.W., Star of the East Lodge.

The Rev. R. D. d'E. Meredith gave an address on "Service" and said the young people must shape the future after the war. Their service must be free and mutual, with a real spirit of brotherhood if it was to help in the building of a better world.

Following the Temple anniversary, a short meeting of the Star of the East Lodge was held, presided over by Mrs. O. E. Fennell, and a welcome was extended to the Templar Queen, Miss R. Knott, who was home on a visit from Stafford. Greetings were also received from Mrs. M. Waddington (Australia), the Rev. P. W. James, O.B.E., R.A.F., Gnr. R. H. Whiteley (Middle East Forces), Sig. H. McCabe, R.C.S., Pte. R. Pointer, Mrs. Britton, Mrs. Fairbrass, Miss I. Britton and Miss Martin (Stafford), Mr. and Mrs. and Miss Vass and Mrs. Brunger.

The intercession service on behalf of absent friends was conducted by the chaplain, Mr. A. B. Impett, P.D.S.J.W.

POLICE ON TOP

TRIANGULAR SHOOTING MATCH

Ramsgate Police finished first, the Royal Navy second and the Army third in a triangular shooting match at Ramsgate on Tuesday.

The Police scored 345 points, the Navy 314 and the Army 312.

Individual scores were:

Police—S/C Page 46, D/C Oram 53, P/S Jenner 54, P/C Housden 39, W/R Scott 49, S/C Luckett 40, S/C Fearn 33, W/R Philpott 31.

Navy—S/Lt. Barber 46, W/O Roberts 31, P/O Gray 38, A/B Norris 22, A/B Wardron 39, A/B Tucker 51, A/B Price 46, A/B Chapman 41.

Army—Sgt Hogben 51, L/Bdr. Kendell 19, Gnr Cooper 35, Sgt. Wright 27, Gnr. Terry 41, B/S/M Fall 42, Gnr. Allcock 38, Sgt. Duckworth 59.

MORE FOR CORPORATION WORKERS

Ramsgate Town Council have decided to adopt in respect of their employees the recommendation of the National Council of the Joint Industrial Council that the present war wage increase of 11s. for male employees should be increased to 14s., with a corresponding 75 per cent. increase for women employees.

IN MINED CORVETTE

BROADSTAIRS MAN'S ADVENTURE

The sinking of the corvette Auricula, on which he was serving, is described in a letter to his wife by A/B Ernest Edward Stafford, R.N., of 3 The Vale, Broadstairs.

The corvette sank after striking a mine in Courier Bay, Madagascar.

"It was nothing short of a miracle that none of the ship's company was killed," he writes. "Several were blown into the water and others sustained injuries but broken bones seemed the most serious of these. I was lucky to be down aft at the time and except for the jar of the explosion we felt little.

"We rescued the injured and got them away in boats and it was soon obvious that the ship would not sink for some hours. Nobody seemed interested in taking us off so we spent most of the time rescuing our kit. Some of us had the presence of mind to tuck into what was left of the dinner in the galley.

"The next morning the ship was taken in tow but directly she was moved she began to sink rapidly and it soon became obvious that her back was broken and that nothing could save her.

"We had to beach in heavy surf and needless to say we were drenched. We went aground and all the natives of the village gave their help to refloat us. When the time came the engine refused to start and we spent the night anchored. All the other boats searched for us but we, shivering and wet in the darkness, saw none of them. We were spotted by an aircraft the next day and towed back little the worse for our experience."

ALDERMAN'S SON MISSING

IN MIDDLE EAST BATTLE

Following the recent heavy fighting in Libya, Gnr. Rodney Hawkins, R.A., son of Alderman W. Hawkins and Mrs. Hawkins, of 123 Crescent-road, Ramsgate, has been reported missing.

Alderman and Mrs. Hawkins last received an airgraph letter from their son dated 15th June, and the date from which he is officially reported missing is given as five days later.

Twenty-three years of age, Gnr. Hawkins is an old boy of Chatham House School. He did exceptionally well at school and after gaining a high place in the Civil Service examination entered the Income Tax department.

He joined the Forces shortly after the outbreak of war and for the past two years has been serving in the Middle East theatre of war.

MISSING IN MIDDLE EAST

While serving with a Guards regiment in the Middle East, Pte. Idris Penri Jones, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. G. Jones, of 10 Wheatley-road, Ramsgate, has been reported missing.

FIGHTING POLICEMEN

FAREWELL DINNER TO MARGATE OFFICERS

The Special Constabulary carried out the duties of the regular police in Margate on Monday last week while members of the borough force entertained to dinner at Rowena Court Hotel, Westgate, 11 of their colleagues who are leaving for the fighting services.

The Chief Constable (Mr. W. Palmer) presided over a gathering numbering 60.

The guests of honour were P/Cs E. Bullard and F. Corke (who are joining the R.A.F.), W. Tawse, E. Webber, J. Overy and J. Whiting (Royal Navy), and R. Patching, F. Warren, R. Tyler, J. Upton and A. Bridgeland (Army).

The toast of the Borough Force was proposed by Sgt. Livick, of the Special Constabulary, and responded to by C/I H. Fleet.

Proposing the toast of the guests, the Chief Constabdle said they had proved themselves excellent members of the force and had earned the admiration of the public. Most of them had applied for permission to join the forces at an earlier date but had been prevented from doing so by conditions laid down by the Government. They were eager to take up arms in the defence of their country and he wished them godspeed and a safe return.

P/C Bullard, on behalf of the guests, thanked their colleagues for the hospitality extended to them.

SALVAGE DRIVE CRICKET

In the second of the salvage drive cricket matches at Chatham House, Ramsgate, on Tuesday, the Ramsgate (C and D Flights) of the A.T.C. defeated the N.F.S. by 18 runs.

The N.F.S. were dismissed for 25, Watkins taking 6 wickets for 12 runs and Appleton 3 for 4.

R. W. Todd contributed 15 to the A.T.C. total of 43, Richards taking 5 wickets for 5 runs.

MONEY HIDDEN IN OVEN

TWO BOYS IN COURT

The circumstances in which a sum of money hidden in an empty house was recovered by the police was described at Ramsgate juvenile court on Tuesday.

Two Ramsgate schoolboys, both aged 10, were alleged to have been concerned together in stealing the sum of £5 10s. in money, belonging to Mr. William James Cornelious, a coal merchant.

Mrs. Cornelious told the magistrates that her husband came home on 14th May and placed £6 4s. on the dining-room table. When she went out at 10 o'clock the money was still on the table but she found, on returning an hour later, that all but 12s. was missing.

D/C Hopper said he interviewed one of the boys, who admitted he had been to the house, but said he took only half-a-crown, which he produced from his pocket. Later the boy took witness to an empty house in Hillbrow-road, where a sum of money was found in an oven and other money in the plaster at the back of a wall. The boy said the other lad was with him at the time he took the money.

In a statement the first boy said "I went into the back yard and he (the other boy) waited by the gate. I opened the back door and then opened the next door and saw some money lying on the table. I don't know how much there was but I grabbed hold of some of it and put it in my pocket. I went outside the house and we walked up the hill and went into an old empty house in Hillbrow-road.

"I counted the money and found I had got £3, a half-crown and threepence," the statement continued. "I gave J . . . a £1 note and a 10s. note. I had three 10s. notes and I hid them in an oven. I kept the half-crown and threepence in my pocket. J . . . hid the pound note up the top of the stairs in the wall and took ten bob and we went to a bike shop and he bought a tyre and two new inner tubes. We brought them home and then went back to the old house and put them on J . . .'s bike."

The second boy denied that he was with the other boy at the time and said he did not know the money was "pinched," although he admitted receiving a 10s. note and buying the tyre.

As the magistrates considered there was an element of doubt they dismissed the case against the second boy, and the first, who asked that three cases of breaking into premises in various parts of the town should be taken into consideration, was placed on probation for two years.

BACK TO COMEDY

NORMA SHEARER AT KING'S

A rollicking comedy and an entertaining film of great charm are among the offerings at the King's Theatre, Ramsgate, this week.

Taken in part from a Noel Coward stage hit, "We Were Dancing," chief feature to-day (Tuesday) and to-morrow, sees the return to comedy of Norma Shearer. The story presents two attractive but penniless young people of noble birth, dependent on their social charms for a living. Miss Shearer is engaged to a rich lawyer, Lee Bowman, but jilts him when she meets and marries Melvyn Douglas. Then Gail Patrick, already in love with Douglas, spoils their marriage. The irony of the tale is amusingly emphasised when Douglas does get a job as a decorator and is assigned to the house in which Bowman and Miss Shearer are to live after their marriage. Also being screened is "The Body Disappears," with Jeffrey Lynn and Jane Wyman.

All the charm and quaintness of the early 1900s is captured in the enchanting film "One Foot in Heaven," which heads the bill for the latter part of the week. It tells the story of a parson and his family, opening in the gay days just before the turn of the century and continues through the riotous days after the Armistice of World War I. Fredric March plays the role of the father, and his constant struggle to keep both his family and his congregation in line proves a lifetime task that is fraught with heartaches and happiness. Martha Scott plays the parson's wife and the big cast also includes Beulah Bondi, Gene Lockhart and Laura Hope Crews. "Many Tanks, Mr. Atkins," with Reginald Purdell and Claude Hulbert, will also be shown.

INVENTED RAID STORY

RAMSGATE MAN FINED FOR THEFT

Alleged to have told a police officer that he was in a nervous condition as he had lost his father and two sisters in a raid on Ramsgate, Horace Cox, aged 35, of Liverpool-lawn, Ramsgate, was fined £1 at Herne Bay on Wednesday for stealing 18lbs. of potatoes, the property of the Kent War Agricultural Committee.

Cox told a police officer that he was taking a few old potatoes for his rabbits.

Supt. Cash said Cox's statement that he had lost his father and two sisters in a raid was untrue.

PARK FETE

MARGATE'S BIG EVENT

The August holiday spirit will be captured—but not arrested—at Dane Park, Margate, when the Borough Police and Specials stage a big sports meeting and fete on Thursday.

As sports organisers the police are unrivalled. In addition, however, there will be many other attractions including a children's fancy dress donkey parade, a wardens' garden produce show, military displays, bowls competitions, dancing and a fun fair.

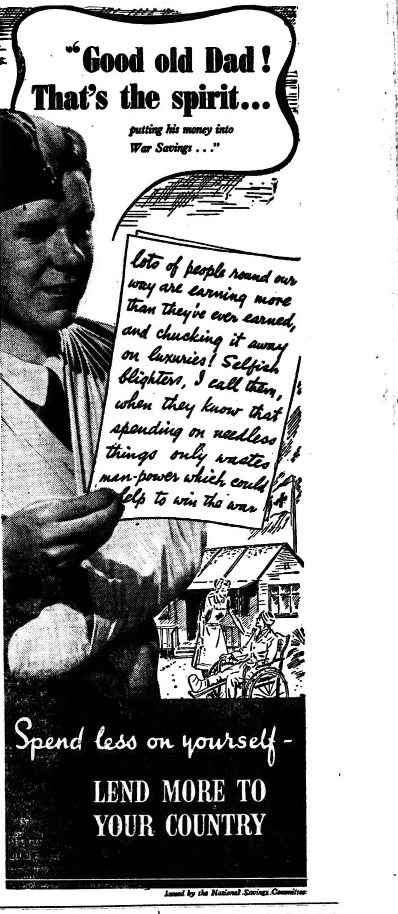
Music will be provided by the band of the Royal Sussex Regiment and teas will be obtainable.

The whole event—which promises to be the event of the year at Margate—is being organised in aid of the local Prisoners of War Fund, but admission to the park will be free.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT RE-ORGANISATION

On the recommendation of the Finance and General Purposes Committee Ramsgate Town Council have appointed a sub-committee consisting of Alderman W. Hawkins and Councillors P. Turner and the Rev. Harcourt Samuel to watch developments in connection with the subject of re-organisation of local government and to report to the Finance Committee from time to time as may be necessary.

Sir Gerrard Tyrwhitt-Drake has accepted an invitation to become Mayor of Maidstone for the tenth time.



WOMEN'S CHAT

AT THE READY FOR THE PLUM SEASON

A fine harvest of plums is ripening on the trees. Housewives are getting ready to turn every one to good account, so that at the end of the season they will have preserves of all kinds to cheer the wintry days.

Jam comes first. As much rich, fruity jam as you have sugar for. Besides the extra ration that has been arranged, many of us have saved a little from the weekly ration, with the plums in view.

Here is a recipe for a war-time plum jam that will keep until Christmas if covered tightly and stored in a cool, dry larder.

Plum Jam.

6 lbs. of plums, not over-ripe
4½ lbs. of sugar
½ pint of water, or just enough to keep the fruit from burning

Wash the plums and stone them if the stones come out easily. Grease the preserving pan with a margarine paper, put in the fruit and water and cook very slowly until the skins are tender. This will probably take from ¾ to 1 hour.

While the fruit is softening, put the sugar on the stove rack so that it is warm when wanted. When the plum skins are quite soft, add the sugar and stir well until it is all dissolved.

Now boil the jam as fast as you can without letting it splutter or burn. The preserving pan should not be more than half full so that the boiling can be really vigorous.

If the plums have not been stoned, remove the stones as they rise to the top. Crack a few of them and add the kernels to the jam.

After 10 minutes rapid boiling, cool a little of the jam on a plate. If the surface wrinkles and sets when pushed with the finger, setting point has been reached. If not, boil for another 5 minutes and test again. Repeat until the test is satisfactory.

As soon as the setting point is reached, take the pan from the fire and let it cool until a skin is just forming on the surface.

Then fill into clean, hot jars, just short of overflowing. If you fill the jars while the jam is still bubbling, the fruit will rise to the top. If you have waxed paper discs, press them at once over the surface of the jam. The jars may then be covered hot or cold.

When there is no more sugar to be spared for jam, bottle as many plums as possible by the simple Campden tablet method, which is simplicity itself, needing only the tablets and clear cold water. No sugar, no oven heat, no sterilising kettles.

Bottling Plums with Campden Tablets.

Dissolve the tablets in cold water according to directions: usually 2 tablets to 1 pint of water. Pack the fresh fruit closely into preserving jars. Move it carefully into place with the handle of a spoon. Do not bruise it. Pour in enough solution to cover the fruit completely and come right to the top of the jar. Allow at least an inch of solution over the fruit. Tap each jar gently on the side to expel any air bubbles, then seal at once. If using a metal top cover, place a double layer of paper between the lid and the solution.

A feature of this method is that the fruit loses its colour in the solution. There is no need to be alarmed, as this merely shows that the preservative is doing its work. Most of the colour returns when the fruit is cooked.

Store the bottles in a cool place. When the fruit is to be used, pour the contents of a jar into a pan and cook **without a lid,** and **without adding sugar** for 20-25 minutes. Remove the stones when the fruit is soft. There will be a smell of preservative but this will disappear, that is why the lid should not be put on the pan. Add sugar to taste just before the removing the fruit from the stove.

ACM. S. H. WINTER, R.A.F.

The best wishes of his many friends in Thanet will be extended to Mr. Sidney H. Winter, who left Ramsgate on Friday to report to his unit for service with the Royal Air Force.

Mr. Winter has been carrying out valuable war service in Ramsgate and the town will miss an energetic and able worker.

Since the outbreak of war Mr. Winter has served as a member of the Special Constabulary but his greatest contribution to the town's war effort has been through the national savings movement. Mr. Winter has carried out the duties of joint war campaign secretary for Ramsgate and in this capacity was responsible for two outstanding shows since the war—War Weapons Week Exhibition and Warship Week Exhibition.

Mr. Winter has also done much publicity work in connection with waste paper salvage.

RED CROSS WHIST

Twelve tables were in play at the Red Cross whist drive held in the grounds of Westbeech, High-street, Ramsgate, on Tuesday.

Mr. W. Pook acted as M.C. and the prizes were distributed by Mrs. Blinko (W.V.S.) to Mrs. Molock, Mrs. Blinko, Miss Pettit, Mrs. Clarke, Mrs. Bickerton, Mrs. Back, Mr. Symes, Mrs. Redman and Mrs. Moses. A competition was won by Mrs. Ainsley.

Miss Edgar, who organised the drive, thanked Mr. and Mrs. Newth for placing the garden at their disposal and Mrs. Gummer for her part in making it a success.

The drive had been postponed from the previous day, when the winners at a miniature drive held in the house were Mrs. Back, Mrs. Barratt, Mrs. Austin and Mrs. Downs. Mrs. Lockwood, Red Cross Commandant, Kent 152, distributed the prizes.

COMPENSATION FOR RAILINGS

The Borough Engineer (Mr. R. D. Brimmell) has reported to the Works Committee of Ramsgate Town Council that to date 38 claims have been received by him on behalf of the Ministry of Supply claiming compensation for the removal of railings, etc. Nineteen of the claims were at the standard rate and 19 in excess of the standard rate.

The Borough Treasurer has been authorised to make payment of all claims at the standard rate and the claims in excess are to be referred to the Ministry of Works and Buildings.

ENGAGEMENT TERMINATED

The engagement of Mrs. M. Hicks as Manager of Ramsgate Information Bureau is to be terminated and she is to receive a gratuity equal to two years pay, less the amount paid to her by way of weekly wage during the past 12 months.

Mrs. Hicks was manager of the Information Bureau for many years and was granted leave of absence from 28th August, 1940.

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RAMSGATE

Estimates for Removal or Storage.—Hardings, 3 Staffordshire-street, Turner-street, Ramsgate.

Whist Drives held every evening at the Ramsgate Working Men's Club, Chatham-place, at 7 p.m.

Long Service Increment.—D/C L. Oram, of Ramsgate Borough Police Service, who has completed 17 years service, is to be granted a long service award.

Whist Drives every Thursday at 7 p.m., at the Gymnasium, Clarendon House, Ramsgate, in aid of Red Cross Fund and Mayor's Services Comforts Fund alternatively. Admission 1s. Good prizes.

You cannot do better than take anything you have to sell to an old-established firm. Prosser and Newbery buy old gold, jewellery, silver plate, glass, cutlery, etc. Licensed valuers. 47 and 48 Queen-street, Ramsgate.

On the Line.—Ramsgate Town Council have decided that the telephone shall be installed at the home of the chairman of the Watch Committee (Alderman A. E. Petley) on the terms which apply in the case of chief officials—the Council to pay for installation and quarterly rental charges only.

Police Strength.—In view of the release of younger policemen for the fighting services the Home Secretary has approved the following establishment for Ramsgate Police Force: regular police 64; whole-time male auxiliaries (of whom 65 may be police war reservists) 75; part-time special constables 60; W.A.P.C. (whole-time) 8.

Newington Bus Service.—Officials of Ramsgate Town Council are to discuss with the East Kent Road Car Co. the possibility of arranging for the diversion of specified buses on the Ramsgate-Margate route along Newington-road and Whitehall-road to serve the Newington district.

Diphtheria Immunisation.—The Medical Officer (Dr. J. V. Walker) has reported to the Public Health Committee of Ramsgate Town Council that the result of the campaign among the schoolchildren in regard to diphtheria immunisation was satisfactory and that the number of consents for immunisation showed an increase over the previous month.

Engineer's Appointment.—Mr. R. H. Ruthven, Engineer and Manager to Ramsgate Gas and Water Department, has been elected unanimously by the representatives of undertakings who hold "B" shares in the South-Eastern Tar Distilleries Ltd. as a director in the place of the late Mr. J. M. Campbell, of the Margate Gas Co.

Navy at Cricket.—After defeating Ramsgate Civil Defence Services by 39 runs, the Navy lost to the Ramsgate Working Men's Club by 35 runs in cricket matches played at Southwood. Against the bowling of Spicer (6 for 18) and Walker (3 for 13), the C.D. XI were dismissed for 44, C. Andrews being top scorer with 12. Although B. Andrews took 5 wickets for 13, the Navy replied with 83, largely through a last-wicket stand by Browning and Spicer. With a depleted team the Navy were all out for 65 in reply to the Working Men's total of 100. For the winners, V. Denne was top scorer with 31 and Kempe claimed 5 wickets for 24 runs.

MINSTER

For Air Raid Distress.—Including the proceeds of a dance held at the Parish Hall, the collection at Minster in aid of the Lord Mayor's Air Raid Distress Fund realised £23 8s. 5½d. Individual collections were: Mrs. E. Lucas, £3 18s. 0½d.; Miss M. Vousden, £2 16s. 5d.; Miss J. Scott, £2 1s.; Miss H. Cowell, £2 0s. 4d.; Mrs. F. Worley, £1 17s. 8d.; Miss E. Wellard, £1 16s. 9d.; Mrs. F. Howard, £1 16s. 5½d.; Miss G. Busbridge, 19s. 10½d.; Miss C. Clarke, 16s.

Gunner's A.T.S. Bride.—A member of the A.T.S., Miss Florence Ellen Spinner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Spinner, of Byways, Fairfield-road, Minster, was married at St. Mary's Church last week to Gnr. C. W. Haynes, R.A., of Canterbury. The bride, who was given away by her father, was attended by her sister, Miss O. M. Spinner, who is also serving in the A.T.S., and her brother, Cpl. E. Spinner, of the Home Guard, acted as best man. The service was conducted by the Vicar, Canon A. W. MacMichael.

MISSING IN LIBYA

BIRCHINGTON MAN BELIEVED PRISONER

An old boy of Woodford House School, Birchington, Pte. Richard Hudson Stone, son of Mr. and Mrs. P. Stone, of 4 Minnis-road, Birchington, has been reported missing in Libya since 20th June and is believed to be a prisoner of war.

Twenty-one years of age, Pte. Stone was serving with the Imperial Light Horse, South African Army.

Pte. Stone, who worked in a solicitor's office after leaving school, went to South Africa in April, 1939. After serving with a gold mining company for about five months he joined the South African Forces.

BROADSTAIRS

For the Sailors.—The sum of £6 has been sent to King George's Fund for Sailors as a result of collections made at St. Peter's and St. Andrew's Churches.

Red Cross Recital.—The sum of £2 was sent to the British Red Cross Society as a result of the recital of music given at Holy Trinity Church, Broadstairs, last week.

National Savings.—Broadstairs savings for the week ended 25th July were £965, comprising £435 in defence bonds, an increase of £375 in deposits at the Post Office Savings Bank, and £155 in savings certificates.

Old Comrades' Whist.—Winners at the weekly whist drive of the Broadstairs branch of the Royal Naval Old Comrades' Association were Mr. Rudland, Mr. Thirkettle, Mrs. Shingleton, Mr. Pointer, Mr. Admans, Mrs. Price and Mr. Pallant.

Aces.—In the Aces bowls competition at Broadstairs Memorial Recreation Ground, Messrs. Read and Broadbent defeated Messrs. Finch and Sizer by 21—20 and then beat Messrs. Elliott and Carey 28—23.

School Treat.—St. Peter's Sunday School treat, held in the grounds of the Red House, St. Peter's, last week, was attended by about 50 children. Miss Batram and Mrs. Ware were responsible for the arrangements.

Cricket.—At St. Peter's Recreation Ground last week a Royal Air Force XI defeated Broadstairs Cricket Club by 60 runs. The Airmen scored 134 (Cpl. Ward 47, Ldg. Acm. Ashmore 21) and Broadstairs replied with 74 (T. Thomas 22, R. McCutcheon 19).

New Warden.—Mr. T. O. Studd was appointed Vicar's warden, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. A. J. Holt, at a vestry meeting held at Holy Trinity Church, Broadstairs, last week. Mr. T. C. Read and Mr. T. Good were elected sidesmen. At a meeting of the Parochial Church Council, which followed, Mr. R. Saxby was elected vice-chairman.

Good Companions' Greetings.—Labels with messages of goodwill to the recipients are being enclosed by St. Peter's Good Companions in the parcels of knitted goods they send to the Navy League. The latest parcel included 13 pairs of sea-boot stockings, six pairs of mitten-gloves and four polo pullovers, while ten more pullovers are in the making.

Battle Honours.—The county flag recently presented by St. Andrew's Church, Reading Street, to the Kent Fighter Squadron of the R.A.F. is now adorned with battle honours. The parish magazine for August records that two or three enemy planes, a flak-ship and a gasometer are among the squadron's "certs." to say nothing of a list of "probables."

Funeral of Mr. F. W. Hollands.—Following a service at St. Peter's Methodist Church, conducted by the Rev. F. J. Bomford, the funeral took place last week of Mr. Frederick William Hollands, who passed away at his home, 1 New-cottages, Dane Court-road, St. Peter's, at the age of 54 years. Mr. Hollands, who for many years was employed by Mr. George Philpott at Buddle's Farm, leaves a widow and daughter.

August Austerity.—In the current issue of St. Peter's Parish Magazine the Rev. R. D. d'E. Meredith writes: "August is with us again; August with its many happy holiday memories for most of us. Many of you will not be getting a holiday; to you I would give a word of warning: keep watch against staleness, both physically and spiritually. Some of you will be having holidays at home. These need not be dull at all. We have in this place the health-giving joys of the seaside. Let us thank God for them, and let us realise that in the simple pleasures of this 'austerity' life there is just as much joy as in the more elaborate amusements of peace-time, and, I believe, a more lasting happiness."

AWARDS TO THANET BAKERS

Thanet claimed five of the 60 awards made in connection with the recent bread-making competition for bakers in the south-eastern division.

The number of entries for the competition was 553.

The Ramsgate winners were F. S. Butler, 38 Grange-road, F. L. Strulbig, The Crescent Bakery, 228 Margate-road, and F. W. Stone Ltd., 40 King-street.

Margate winners were R. Barnes, 90 Canterbury-road, and J. Coleman and Son, Herbert-place, Mill-lane.

MARGATE EVACUEE WINS AWARD

An award to the most promising girl attending Gillingham County School has been won by Pamela Padget, a Margate evacuee and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Padget, formerly of 44 Upper Dane-road, Margate.

Pamela, who formerly attended Drapers' Mills School, Margate, won a scholarship to Clarendon House School, Ramsgate. She evacuated to Wales with her family but later moved to Gillingham.

BLACK-OUT TO-DAY FROM 10.29 p.m. TILL 5.43 a.m.

INTER-SCHOOL SPORTS

CHATHAM HOUSE BEAT KING EDWARD SCHOOL

In an inter-school sports meeting at Stafford, Chatham House, Ramsgate, defeated King Edward VIth School, Stafford, by 165 points to 85.

Some good times were recorded. In the 100 yards open, Hubbell (Chatham House) clocked 10 4/5th secs., and Rigden (Chatham House) covered the 440 yards open in 55 4/5th secs.

Roebuck (King Edward) and Goodram (Chatham House) tied in the mile open.

The results were:

Mile, open—1, Roebuck (K.E.S.) and Goodram (C.H.S.) (tie); 3, Teesdale (C.H.S.); 4, Boothroyd (C.H.S.).

100 yards, under 16—1, Gray (C.H.S.); 2, Malcolmson (C.H.S.); 3, Lees (K.E.S.); 4, Dyche (K.E.S.). Time, 11 1/5th secs.

100 yards, open—1, Hubbell (C.H.S.); 2, Corran (K.E.S.); 3, Graham (C.H.S.); 4, Wilkins (K.E.S.). Time, 10 4/5th secs.

440 yards, under 16—1, Hall (C.H.S.); 2, Schwaar (C.H.S.); 3, White (K.E.S.); 4 Hazelton (K.E.S.). Time, 62 secs.

High jump, open—1, J. Curzon (C.H.S.) and Teesdale (C.H.S.) (tie); 3, Farmer (K.E.S.) and Phillips (K.E.S.) (tie). Height, 4ft. 11½ins.

Throwing the cricket ball, open—1, Smythe (K.E.S.); 2, D. H. Curzon (C.H.S.); 3, Howell (C.H.S.); 4, Wilkins (K.E.S.). Distance, 79yds. 1ft. 1in.

220 yards, under 16—1, Hall (C.H.S.); 2, Malcolmson (C.H.S.); 3, Draper (K.E.S.); 4, Dyche (K.E.S.). Time, 26 4/5 secs.

440 yards, open—1, Rigden (C.H.S.); 2, J. Curzon (C.H.S.); 3, Corran (K.E.S.); 4, Roebuck (K.E.S.). Time, 55 4/5th secs.

880 yards, under 16—1, Perraton (C.H.S.); 2, White (K.E.S.); 3, Hart (C.H.S.); 4, Gilbert (K.E.S.). Time, 2 mins. 25 secs.

High jump, under 16—1, Schwaar (C.H.S.); 2, Dyche (K.E.S.); 3, Adams (C.H.S.) and Wilkes (K.E.S.) (tie). Height, 4ft. 6½ins.

220 yards, open—1, J. Curzon (C.H.S.) and Hubbell (C.H.S.) (tie); 3, Corran (K.E.S.); 4, Farmer (K.E.S.). Time, 25 3/5th secs.

Throwing the cricket ball, under 16—1, Smythe (K.E.S.); 2, Gilbert (K.E.S.); 3, Malcolmson (C.H.S.); 4, Hall (C.H.S.). Distance, 87yds. 2ft. 5ins.

880 yards, open—1, Rigden (C.H.S.); 2, Prestedge (C.H.S.); 3, Stevenson (K.E.S.); 4, Miller (K.E.S.). Time, 2 mins. 14 2/5th secs.

Relay, under 16—1, C.H.S.; 2, K.E.S. Time, 51 3/5th secs. Open—1, C.H.S.; 2, K.E.S. Time, 77 3/5th secs.

Long jump, under 16—1, Hall (C.H.S.); 2, Hart (C.H.S.); 3, Croft (K.E.S.); 4, Smythe (K.E.S.). Distance, 17ft.

Long jump, open—1, Farmer (K.E.S.); 2, Keegan (C.H.S.); 3, Rigden (C.H.S.) and Stephenson (K.E.S.) (tie). Distance, 18ft. 7¼ins.

CRICKET

C.D. v. N.F.S.

Ramsgate Civil Defence displayed good bowling and improved fielding when they beat Ramsgate N.F.S. by 49 runs at Southwood on Saturday. The firemen were put in by the C.D. and their wickets fell quickly for a total of 28. C. Andrews, for the winning team, followed up a good bowling effort with a useful 36 towards a total of 77.

N.F.S.

F. Philpott, b C. Andrews	1
Challenger, b Daniels	2
Price, b C. Andrews	5
Caffell, b C. Andrews	0
J. Brown, b Daniels	2
A. Dunwell, b Daniels	8
C. Hill, c Moys b C. Andrews	5
W. Woodward, b B Andrews	0
L. Bushell, b B. Andrews	0
Pointer, b B. Andrews	5
Jenner, not out	0
Total	28

Bowling: C. Andrews, 4 for 14; Daniels, 3 for 13; B. Andrews, 3 for 1.

C.D.

Norman, c and b Caffell	21
Potter, b Caffell	0
C. Andrews, c Dunwell b Woodward	35
A. Narramore, b Caffell	1
B. Andrews, b Price	5
Daniels, b Price	5
Caffell, b Challenger	2
Bolton, b Challenger	0
Ambrose, run out	3
Moys, not out	3
Todd, b Woodward	2
Total	77

BOWLS

DANE PARK

The Police trio (P/S Galer, P/S Sutherland and P/C Bray) won their third successive game in the Aces competition at Dane Park, Margate, when they defeated the Challengers, Messrs. C. J. Amos, G. W. Solly and A. J. Munday. The latter were leading by 21 to 12 at the 14th end, but the Police collected 16 points from the following three successive ends to gain the lead and finally won by 33 to 25.

But the Aces' successful run came to an end when they were comfortably defeated by the Challengers, Messrs. H. Foster, R. Ovenden and W. R. Rickon by 28 to 16 after an enjoyable game.

Results of club competitions are as follows:

Singles semi-finals—E. Pettett (owes 6) 27, J. Rhodes (owes 6) 25; E. T. Marshall 27, F. Barnes 11.

The semi-final between Pettett and Rhodes produced a very close and interesting game. The former required only two shots to win with the score in his favour 25—18 after 30 ends, but Rhodes made a strong challenge for victory by fighting back and winning five successive ends. At the 38th end Rhodes was laying the two shots he required to win, but Pettett, with his third wood, won the game to qualify to meet the other finalist, E. T. Marshall, who defeated F. Barnes by a comfortable margin.

Second singles—G. W. Solly 25, J. W. Simpson 13; C. Amos 27, W. Fudge 13; S. H. Bayley 23, A. J. Munday 11; J. Rhodes 27, H. Parker 3; W. R. Rickon 27, W. Paine 26; E. A. Crowhurst 23, W. Caton 18.

MRS. E. E. HALL

FUNERAL AT RAMSGATE

The funeral took place at Ramsgate Cemetery on Thursday of Mrs. Margaret Florence Hall, wife of Mr. Ernest E. Hall, of 30 Cannon-road, Ramsgate, who passed away at the age of 34 years.

Mrs. Hall, who had been in ill-health for some time, was a member of the women's branch of Ramsgate British Legion.

The mourners were the husband, Mr. John Andrews (brother), Mrs. E. Hall (mother-in-law) and relatives from both families.

Floral tributes were received from: Ernie and little Ernie (husband and son); Mum and Dad and Billy; John and Ethel; Charlie and Margaret; Vera and Fred, John and David (Stowmarket); Auntie Florence (Aylmerton, Norwich); Auntie Alice (Holyhead); Auntie Carry, Bert, Kay and Joy, and Sally; Millie and Reg; Iris and Frank; Molly, Ernie and Michael (Canterbury); Goff and Eva; Gran and Emma; Uncle Ted, Aunty Carry and Donald (Bournemouth); Hilda, Tom and June (London); Mick and Arthur (London); Goff, Elsie and Ronald (Maidstone); Auntie Edie, Violet and Wally; Auntie Jenny and family (Dover); Uncle Will, Emily and Mabel (Dover); Lucy, Pop and Gladys (Sittingbourne); Mrs. Lambert and family; Mr. and Mrs. Clark; Mr. and Mrs. Hicks and family; Miss F. Summers; Mr. and Mrs. Millett.

The funeral arrangements were carried out by Mr. W. H. Maskell, of Hardres-street, Ramsgate.

If it's News ring Ramsgate 1012.

COURAGE IN ACTION

D.S.M. FOR RAMSGATE SEAMAN

A/B Ronald Thomas Smith, R.N., nephew of Mr. Ernest Pettitt, of 120 High-street, Ramsgate, attended a recent investiture at Buckingham Palace when he

received from H.M. the King the Distinguished Service Medal.

The award was made for courage and seamanship in action against German E-boats off the Dutch coast.

Previously mentioned in despatches, A/B Smith, who is 26 years of age, joined the Navy two years ago.

Coming to Ramsgate six years ago, he was employed in his uncle's butcher's shop before joining the service and was a member of Ramsgate Sea Rovers.

A keen sportsman, A/B Smith played football for Ramsgate Technical Institute Thursday XI.

He is at present in Ramsgate on a few days leave.

CHANCE FOR OLDER MEN

42's—50's WANTED FOR R.A.F.

A chance for older men between the ages of 42 and 50 to volunteer for service in the R.A.F. and free men for more active service, now presents itself.

The jobs are as tradesmen and those with experience can offer themselves as accounting clerks, barbers, shoemakers and motor drivers. They can volunteer without experience as clerks, equipment assistants, aircrafthands and medical orderlies.

It may be wondered why volunteers are asked for when the Government can conscript men. The reason is that beyond the present conscription age of 41 the number of men not already on national service is smaller than in the lower age groups and volunteering saves the considerable amount of administrative work and the time taken to sort out those enrolled in the normal way of call-up.

Volunteers should go to the R.A.F. section of the nearest Combined Recruiting Centre (address from any Employment Exchange) or write to the Air Ministry Information Bureau, Kingsway, W.C.2.

The needs of the rapidly expanding R.A.F. are many. There is an enormous amount of clerical work to be done and men with experience in book-keeping, general clerical work, accounts, etc., in civilian life are wanted for similar work in the R.A.F. Their pay starts at 3s. 9d. a day increasing with higher rank.

Barbers, starting at 2s. 6d. a day, and shoemakers at 3s. 6d., both increasing with promotion, are wanted in their own spheres, and men are needed to drive heavy lorries such as are used for recovering salvaged aircraft and to drive in convoys all over the country. Pay starts at 2s. 6d. a day and increases after training and experience. A current driving license is not necessary but applicants must be able to drive.

An amazing variety of equipment and stock is handled for and by the R.A.F. and a shop assistant, store-keeper or warehouseman in civilian life would find himself eligible for service with the Air Force, with a pay of 2s. 6d. a day and a minimum of 3s. 9d. when trained and more with higher rank.

The odd-jobs man is the aircraft hand and there are plenty of openings to fill the places of younger men who are being selected for trade training or remustering for the R.A.F. Regiment to defend aerodromes. Pay is 2s. 6d. a day here also, with increases for higher rank.

Medical orderlies are wanted and men between the ages of 42 and 50 may volunteer if they have had St. John's or Red Cross training. If no training the ages are between 42 and 45. Stretcher bearers on operational stations and men in R.A.F. hospitals are required. After training at 2s. 6d. a day they remuster as nursing orderlies and can earn up to 4s. 9d. a day and beyond.

The appeal is to men between 42 and 50 and every volunteer will release a younger man to do more active service in one of the finest forces in the world.

WHERE RAZOR BLADES GO

Before the war one of the problems of life used to be to know what to do with old razor blades.

Razor blades in Ramsgate are now collected at the railway station on behalf of the R.A.F. Benevolent Fund with the injunction "Cut Hitler's Throat."

A collecting box was placed in the booking hall on 11th June and the number of blades so far collected is 5,900.

The target, originally 5,000, has been raised to 10,000.

MARGATE

Baptist Anniversary.—Special services were held last week to celebrate the 252nd anniversary of Cecil-square Baptist Church, Margate. The preachers were the Rev. W. Emberson and the Rev. W. Lomax Mackenzie, of Broadstairs.

Raid Distress Flag Day.—The flag day at Margate on Tuesday on behalf of the Lord Mayor of London's Empire Air Raid Distress Fund realised £76 1s. 10d., including £13 11s. 8d. from Birchington and £6 4s. from Westgate.

Rev. F. J. Bomford Leaving

Successor Appointed At Ramsgate

The Rev. F. J. Bomford, superintendent minister for the Ramsgate Methodist circuit, is leaving the town this month for a supernumary post in the Bournemouth circuit. He will be succeeded in Ramsgate by the Rev. D. Llewellyn Williams, who is at present in the Grantham circuit.

Mr. and Mrs. Bomford came to Ramsgate two years ago when the Methodist community was much depleted owing to evacuation, and a few months before the church in Hardres-street was bombed. But the happy inspiration of Mr. and Mrs. Bomford was largely responsible for bright services and good congregations in the Centenary Hall, where the church services were continued.

Much regret is felt that Mr. Bomford, who has come to the age of retirement, feels the necessity for health reasons to accept the supernumary position in the Bournemouth district.

On Tuesday afternoon, in the Centenary Hall, at the Women's Bright Hour, of which Mrs. Bomford is president, a presentation of six dessert spoons and forks and a book of Kipling's poems was made to her by Mrs. Thom.

Mrs. Thom said Mrs. Bomford had endeared herself to them all and they could not let her leave them without some gift as a token of their love and esteem. Mrs. Bomford had come to them when things were very dark around them and her natural cheerfulness and never-failing energy had inspired them all to carry on. Under her guidance they now had a record membership of the Women's Bright Hour. In the name of the members she asked Mrs. Bomford to accept their gifts.

Sorry to Leave.

Mrs. Bomford, thanking the members, said she could not have done anything without the help and support of the committee. "I do not think," said Mrs. Bomford, "that I have ever been in a church where the committee has rallied round me so well as here." They had never been absent or late. She had come to love them all and was very sorry to leave them. She would remember them always, especially when using the forks and spoons, which were a most acceptable gift. Mrs. Bomford concluded by saying she would like to thank Mrs. Hunt, who had so often taken the meeting for her, and sometimes at very short notice.

Mr. Bomford, who opened the meeting, said he and his wife were sorry to be leaving them but the time had come for him to retire. They would be going to live in the Bournemouth district and he would be in charge of one or two small village churches. He would have no administrative responsibility. They had very much appreciated the welcome and support of their friends in Ramsgate, and it had always been a joy for his wife to come to the Bright Hour Tuesday by Tuesday, and a pleasure for him to be allowed in occasionally.

Mr. Bomford concluded by saying that he had that morning received the final draft confirming the appointment of his successor, the Rev. D. Llewellyn Williams.

Mrs. Bomford was the speaker for the afternoon and in a homely talk spoke of the sayings of the enemies of Jesus, explaining how they beautified His character and showed how He shared their joys and sorrows.

Broadstairs Farewell Service.

On Thursday evening Broadstairs Methodist Church, which has been closed since the early days of the war, was re-opened in order that Mr. Bomford could preach there before leaving.

Mr. Bomford said they were grateful to Mr. Bowen for presiding at the organ, and to Miss Millward and friends who had spent much time in preparing the church for the service.

Mr. Bomford took "The Church" as the subject for his sermon, taking for his text "Thou art Peter and upon this rock I will build my Church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it" (Matthew 16, v. 18).

There were, the preacher said, great differences between some of the churches, but Jesus Christ was the bond of union. He was the one great unifying personality to whom the churches paid divine honours.

Continuing, Mr. Bomford said he wanted to give five reasons for the institution of the Church by Jesus Christ. The first and fundamental reason was that it was to be the human means of establishing the Kingdom of God on earth. In reply to people who asked how it was that after 19 centuries mankind was still very unChristian, he would say that it was a miracle that despite all the opposition and persecution that the Church still lived more strongly than ever. There were those who could not understand why we were engaged in the most terrible war in history. Jesus always recognised the presence of the powers of evil. Evil to-day was trying to prevail against the Church of Jesus Christ, but in the end the Church would triumph.

Act of Rededication.

The first of the four personal reasons for the institution of the Church was that it was the Church that made it possible for them to obey the specific commands that Jesus made. "Do this in remembrance of me," Christ said. He knew the frailty of human nature and this sacrament was a repeated act of rededication of themselves to the Church.

Secondly, Jesus instituted the Church to meet the deep-seated need of human nature for fellowship. Jesus said "Lo, I am with you always," and He went out of His way to say that where two or three were met together in His name there would He be in the midst of them.

Thirdly, the Church enabled Christ's servants publicly to bear their witness to their Master.

Fourthly, the Church provided a sphere in which to serve Christ. Some people said they preferred to engage in other good work that had no connection with the Church, but would these institutions have existed if it had not been that the Church existed first of all? Philanthropic agencies, hospitals and orphanages were all born of their mother, the Church of Jesus Christ and were very largely supported by members of the Church.

NAVY'S NARROW WIN

By the narrow margin of two shots (195—193) the Royal Navy defeated Claxton's Home Guard in a shooting match last week.

The scores were:

Royal Navy—Sub-Lt. Barber 37, C/P/O Gray 20, C/P/O Norris 30, P/O Thomson 23, Ldg. Smn. Waldron 30, A/B Tucker 19, A/B Tildce 19, A/B Lines 17.

Claxton's—Tomlinson 37, Wilson 17, Divers 14, Ambrose 20, Blackburn 16, Barnes 23, Doughty 38, Oclee 26.

HEROES OF THE SEVEN SEAS

Bravery Has Become Routine

OUR DEBT TO THE MERCHANT NAVY

By "Taffrail"

The life of Britain and the British Empire, and the great cause for which the United Nations are fighting, depends upon shipping strength. Our merchant ship losses through torpedo, bomb and mine have been very heavy indeed. But we are producing more and more ships.

But what of the seamen who man the vessels which bring us the munitions and food from abroad, or those others who carry the cargoes to Russia and the troops, tanks, guns, aircraft and a mass of fighting equipment all over the world? Too often we think in terms of tonnage. Too seldom do we consider the men upon whom the victory of the United Nations so largely depends.

Perilous Journeys.

I have been at sea on many occasions since this war started. I have seen the convoys in the North Atlantic, and have flown over them in a Catalina. I have been with a convoy carrying tanks, aircraft and munitions to North Russia, and convoys of small ships passing up and down the east coast and through the English Channel. I have seen our merchant men bombed by enemy aircraft, attacked by submarines and running the gauntlet past Dover under fire from the enemy's heavy guns on the French coast.

I have been on board ships which have limped into harbour after being mined or torpedoed, or after having been in successful action with enemy U-boats or aircraft. One realises a little of what the men have endured when one sees funnels, upperworks, boats and bulks riddled and gashed with shell or bomb splinters and bullets.

Yet, after nearly three years of it, I have still to discover a merchant seaman who would willingly give up his job at sea for a comfortable billet on shore. As to their behaviour in action and under ordeals which can hardly be imagined unless one has seen them, ask the opinion of anyone in the escorting destroyers, corvettes or trawlers.

Only the other day, while our convoy was moving through a forest of splashes caused by the bombs from wave after wave of low-diving Ju. 88s, a destroyer captain said to me "Just look at those fellows! Aren't they absolutely magnificent?"

The Convoy Carried On.

They were. Not a ship in the convoy was out of station. They calmly carried on, their little guns barking defiance at the menace from the sky. It was later that I heard the master of one of these ships, a tall thin man with pale blue eyes and a skin the colour of raw mahogany, casually referring to the attack as "a bit of a breeze." "A bit of a breeze!" I thought to myself. Those aircraft had attacked for hour after hour in an everlasting procession. Most of their bombs seemed to be missing by fathoms. Some of them hit. But the convoy carried on.

In another area on another occasion, a ship was attacked by a submarine and sunk by torpedoes and gun-fire. The third officer got away in a boat with eight men. Their journey lasted 11 days in bad weather until they were picked up by a flying-boat, cheerful but very weak. The officer showed great powers of leadership and organisation in bringing his crew to safety. He was assisted by an able seaman and a storekeeper, the latter having only recently recovered from an operation. Yet he worked at the steering oar without complaint.

On her way to Singapore another merchantman was heavily bombed by wave after wave of Japanese aircraft during an attack lasting 1½ hours. About 200 bombs were dropped. There were two hits and many near misses. The vessel was set on fire; but the fires were extinguished. Thanks to splendid handling and good organisation, the ship later got away from Singapore with more than 1,000 women and children who owe their safety to the men of the Merchant Navy.

Courage Unnoticed.

What a wealth incident and courage lies hidden in the prosaic citations in the "London Gazette," though for every merchant seaman decorated or commended there are scores more whose bravery passes unnoticed—men of every rank and rating, deck, engineer and radio officers; seamen, apprentices, stewards and cooks; firemen and greasers; deck boys, galley boys and all the rest.

Our merchant seamen, for their part, want no pats on the back from their brothers in the Royal Navy and would just hate to be called heroes. But there is not an officer or man of the Royal Navy who would not corroborate the opinion of my destroyer captain.

INTELLIGENT ANTICIPATION

C.D. NURSES' VOLUNTARY WORK AMONG SICK

Ramsgate has been operating for two years a proposal contained in a Ministry of Health circular sent to local authorities

The circular points out that authorities are now enabled to make the nursing personnel of first aid posts available for assisting part of the time in war-time nurseries, in hospitals or to help district nursing associations.

The report of the Civil Defence Committee, presented to Ramsgate Town Council on Thursday, commented:

"The Council are reminded that for nearly two years certain personnel of the first aid posts have been voluntarily acting as district nurses in order to provide nursing service following the closing down of the local District Nursing Association."

ANOTHER C.E.M.A. CONCERT

Music lovers, especially those who were fortunate enough to hear the first C.E.M.A. concert in Ramsgate in June, will be glad to know that there is to be another on Monday next in the Congregational Hall, Ramsgate, at 7 p.m.

Sybil Eaton, brilliant violinist, whose delightful personality charmed her audience last time, has been persuaded by Miss Kathleen Perry to come again. The other two B.B.C. artistes who will take part are Mabel Ritchie, soprano, and Rose Keen, piano.

VICTORY — on Paper

Take to heart the precious nature of paper NOW. It is wanted for munitions.

Keep a box or basket INDOORS for every scrap of paper. Give it to the collector DRY—don't leave it out by the dustbin.

Do not put waste paper with ashes in the dustbin.

You may have some old books tucked away. Please turn them out. An old A.B.C. railway guide weighing 23 ounces would, for example, produce sufficient mixed waste to make four gun fuses.

When you have paper, cardboard, or old books waiting for collection, put a card in your window marked "P."

This will help the collectors, especially if you happen to be out when they call.

Leave your waste in a conveniently dry spot for them to collect.

"So little salved by so many would mean so much."

COUNCIL OF READERS

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

WAR-TIME FOOTBALL

Sir, Several junior football clubs in various parts of the county have recently appealed to me to introduce them to a local league competition in their respective localities in order that next season they may have competitive football instead of purely "friendly" games.

Unfortunately, with two or three exceptions, the junior league organisations, normally sanctioned by the K.C.F.A., find it impossible to function, due principally to the insuperable difficulty of securing officials with the necessary spare time under present conditions to work the machinery required to run a football league competition.

To fill the gap and thus enable clubs to obtain the regularity of matches which a league affords the county association wishes to make it generally known that it is prepared to set up in any area in which a sufficient number of clubs (civilian or service) is forthcoming a K.C.F.A. War-time District Junior Football League. As secretary to the association I will gladly undertake the secretarial duties of all such bodies and run them as separate organisations temporarily under the direct control of the association's headquarters. This will solve the problem which, I understand, is the real bar to a majority of our affiliated league competitions resuming activity and I should be grateful if you would publish this letter in your next issue in order that clubs interested may know of the proposal and may advise me of their wishes so that the scheme can be put into operation in good time.

STANLEY J. W. BROWN.
Kent County Football Association.

11 Military-road,
Chatham.

A HANGING JOB

Only a little bit of string!
A curious thing whereof to sing!
But it may get poor me two years
And fill my eyes with bitter tears.

Where can I put you, bit of string?
If I had hundreds, I would fling
You all into a cosy bag
And hand it in as gathered swag.

But here you are remote, alone,
Quite useless for poor me to own!
Perhaps, if hawked from door to door,
I might find others who have more.

Then patiently we might collect
A pretty handful I expect,
Making it bigger by degrees,
Then hand it in on bended knees.

Authority might say "Well done!
"This means the death of many a Hun!"
And I might feel my whole inside
A cocktail of mixed joy and pride.

To burn or bury I don't dare!
Heartless informers fill the air!
Punishment, which should fit the crime,
Will be a strange misfit this time!

WALTER K. LEWIS

Births, Marriages, Deaths

The PREPAID charges for these announcements are 1d. per word (minimum: Births and Deaths 1/6, Marriages, Return Thanks and In Memoriam 2/6).

MARRIAGES

Richards—Cassidy.—18th July, at St. Joseph's Church, Gerrards Cross, Capt. William Derick Richards, R.A., only son of Mr. W. Stanley Richards and the late Mrs. Richards, of Paignton, to Patricia, eldest daughter of the late Mr. Frank Cassidy and Mrs. Cassidy, of Quainton, Chalfont St. Peter.

Stone—King.—25th July, at Holy Trinity, Milton Regis, Leonard Thomas Stone, R.A.F., of Margate, to Elsie June King, of Bobbing, Kent.

DEATHS

Hall.—26th July, at 30 Cannon-road, Ramsgate, Margaret Florence, dearly loved wife of Ernest E. Hall, aged 34 years.

Harvey.—28th July, at Karachi, Maynard-avenue, Margate, Harry Harvey, aged 71 years.

Walter.—25th July, at a nursing home, Mary (Pollie) Walter, late of Cambridge House School, Cliftonville.

RETURN THANKS

Mr. E. E. Hall desires to thank all kind friends, relatives and neighbours for their sympathy in the loss of his wife, and for the beautiful floral tributes sent, also the doctor for his kind attention and Mr. W. H. Maskell for funeral arrangements.—30 Cannon-road, Ramsgate.

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